



### **Environmental Sustainability**

At HPPN we wish to support children to learn about sustainable practices and foster respect and care for the living and non-living environment.

Children are able to develop positive attitudes and values about sustainable practices by exploring solutions to environmental issues, learning about the world around them and how to protect it, and watching adults role model sustainable practices.

We promote a holistic, open-ended curriculum which explores ideas and practices for environmental sustainability and helps children understand the interdependence between people and the environment by:

- helping children to explore nature through art and play;
- supporting children to experience the natural environment through natural materials like wood, stone, sand and recycled materials;
- supporting the environment by learning how to grow and nurture plants in the nursery garden and discovering the food cycle by growing, harvesting, and cooking food;
- Helping children to learn about water conservation, energy efficiency and waste reduction through play-based activities and adult interactions;
- Going on nature walks and learning about plants and animals they see in the local area;
- Encouraging parents and children to walk to nursery by promoting such Initiatives as Walk to School Week;
- Having recycling facilities in every classroom, and encouraging children to take a recycling ethos into the home environment.

As a nursery we will embed sustainability into all aspects of the operations, including:

- Recycling materials for art and creative activities and encouraging parents to bring in their recycling materials for the same use;
- When children take home models from recycled materials, asking parents to recycle these materials if they do not keep them;
- Considering our carbon footprint when purchasing materials;
- Shopping locally where possible;
- Turning off equipment and lights when not in use;
- Using energy saving light bulbs;

- Not leaving any equipment on standby;
- Using energy saving wash cycles on the washing machine;
- Reducing the amount of printing we do by making use of technology, including policies, contracts and child-related forms
- Incorporating water-wise strategies such as ensuring taps are turned off and leaks fixed.

Working together with all our parents and partners will help our environment to be more sustainable and make it a better place for our future generations to grow up in. We assess our nursery's impact on the environment on a regular basis and put procedures in place to counteract this impact.

This policy is reviewed annually and is carefully considered in the best interests of the children, nursery and the environment.

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