



# St. Thomas' CE Primary School

## Eco and Environmental Policy

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### Introduction

Sustainable development is essential to ensure quality of life without damaging the planet for the future. At St Thomas' CE Primary School, we

encourage both staff and children to think about their environment and how their actions impact locally and globally. We believe that teaching environmental issues through the curriculum will enable children to develop sustainable behaviour from an early age.

### Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives at St Thomas' CE Primary School are:

- To become more sustainable in the school environment and reduce the environmental impact of the whole school.
- Promote environmental awareness.
- To develop an awareness of global issues.
- To develop a whole school approach in promoting environmental awareness – pupils, all staff, governors, parents and members of the local community.
- To help to create a shared understanding of what is needed in order to run a school in a way that respects and enhances the environment.
- To help develop pupils' decision making skills.
- To link environmental issues in with the curriculum as well as the daily running life of the school.

### Intent

The intent is to improve our children's understanding of how to live and be part of a sustainable world and how they can be responsible citizens in a world where environmental issues grow more pressing by the day.

We aim to educate them across a wide range of issues from: use of energy and water, both at school and at home, how to deal with litter and waste as well as many other important issues that are happening locally, nationally and globally. Our aim is to see them become true global citizens where their personal impact can be felt in school and the local community.

### Implementation

Environmental topics are taught throughout school from Reception up to Year 6. These topics are addressed in a cross-curricular manner through subjects such as Science, PHSCE and Theme where meaningful links are made.

### Eco Council

From Year 1 to Year 6 each class elects a new Eco representative each year. The representatives help to create an action plan for the year to target specific changes that will help our school to become more environmentally friendly. This action plan is led by the pupils' ideas and passions, then supported by the staff in school to ensure these ideas are carried out.

Meetings are held every half term to prepare for any necessary changes, to take action and evaluate our actions as a school/council.

### Health and Safety

Health and safety issues will be considered in all activities and relate to the School's health and safety policy.