

Environmental Sustainability Policy October 2025 (Updates in Red)

The Nursery practices environmental sustainability including having a designated named climate action lead, Elias Xenophontos who is responsible for monitoring the Nursery's climate action plan which includes targets for reducing energy use and waste through a range of methods such as:

- Buying products that are sustainable sourced, recyclable, avoid use of plastics
- Recycling and Reusing
- Reducing use of use of lighting, heating and water.

The Nursery supports children to learn about sustainable practices and foster respect and care for the living and non-living environment.

Children can 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.
- Support the environment by learning how to grow and nurture plants in the nursery garden and discovering all about the food cycle by growing, harvesting, and cooking food for our nursery menu.
- Help 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 they see in the local area.
- Developing a recycling area and encouraging children to share recycling ethos into the home environment.
- Recycling materials for art and creative activities and encouraging parents to bring in their recycling materials for the same use.
- Considering our carbon footprint when purchasing materials.
- Turning off equipment and lights when not in use.
- Not leaving any equipment on standby.
- Unplugging all equipment at the end of its use/the day.
- Using energy saving wash cycles on the washing machine.
- Incorporating water-wise strategies such as ensuring taps are turned off and leaks fixed.