



Eco Policy
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Introduction

Valour Academy is committed to educating its pupils about caring for and respecting the environment and developing responsible citizens who are able to make valuable decisions. The Eco Council at Valour Academy has a key role in achieving this and represent the whole school community.

Our Aims

We aim to incorporate education for sustainable development and global awareness throughout our curriculum and support and develop our staff and pupils in being responsible citizens. We encourage all members of our school community to take care of the environment and promote this through the school ethos of respecting our environment, reducing materials used and waste produced and re-using and recycling materials wherever possible.

We aim to raise the knowledge and awareness of staff and pupils through working with outside agencies and by having support and encouragement from governors of the school.

We will strive to develop greater awareness and responsibility of all nine topic areas that will support our aim of becoming achieving Eco Schools status:

Energy

- We will switch off lights when they are not in use.
- We will keep outside doors shut in cold weather.
- We will ensure radiators are turned down before windows are opened.
- We will appoint class monitors to turn lights and projectors off.
- We will procure equipment that is energy efficient.

Waste

- We will reduce the amount of paper we use in our classrooms by writing and printing on both side of the paper whenever possible.
- Scrap paper will be used for wet play activities in each classroom.
- We will pass work books up with children each year as they progress through the school to avoid wastage.
- Each class and work area will have a paper recycling box.
- Cartridges from computer and photocopier ink will be collected in a labelled bin.
- Outdated or unwanted uniform will be offered to others who might have a use for it or it will be recycled.
- We will procure equipment and resources that are made from recyclable materials or can be reused or recycled where possible.

Water

- We will make sure we turn off taps and use sinks or bowls of water to clean equipment.
- We will install water butts and use this water for growing areas when appropriate.

Transport

- We will continue to take part in the cycling proficiency scheme to encourage
- safe cycling.
- We will encourage staff to share transport when going on courses.
- We will take part in National Walk to School initiatives and promote walking to school.
- Bikeability

Healthy Eating

- We will encourage healthy eating through the provision of fruit and healthy snacks.
- We will incorporate the education of healthy eating into curriculum subjects.

We will provide healthy eating options during the school day and in before and after school clubs.

Litter

- We will encourage the school community to keep our school litter free.
- Litter bins will be provided in every room and around the school grounds.
- We will encourage recycling to reduce the amount of litter.

School Grounds

- As a school we will take joint responsibility for the maintenance and development of our school grounds.
- We will work in partnership with the School Council to continually review the provision and development of our school grounds as a complete learning environment.

Biodiversity

- School habitats such as the Wildlife and Eco Area will be used by the children to study flora and fauna and their habitat.
- Children will be encouraged to return all living creatures to their original habitat.

- We will work to create a more diverse learning environment.

Global Citizenship

- We will incorporate global issues into our curriculum through lessons, assemblies and participation in National and International focus days and events.
- We will provide opportunities for learning experiences beyond the confines of the classroom through educational visits and e-learning.
- We will encourage our school community to consider their place in the world and the impact that their choices can have upon it.

Inclusion

All pupils, regardless of race, gender, culture or disability shall have the opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of caring for their environment and developing a caring attitude. Valour Academy will promote equal opportunities.

Health and Safety

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