



St Edward's
RC/CE VA School

Environment and Recycling Policy

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Aims:

The Environmental and Recycling policy aims to commit to integrating environmental best practice into all of our activities and to work towards this through a programme of continuous improvement.

This will be achieved by:

1. Building processes and procedures to integrate environmentally sustainable practices where possible
2. Staff and students to reduce the use of natural resources and to re-use and recycle as many school resources as possible.

Targets & Outcomes:

- We will aim to adopt best practice and play a leading role in developing innovative solutions to environmental issues facing our community.
- We will conduct our activities in full knowledge of and compliance with environmental regulations.
- We will integrate environmental considerations and objectives into our planning and decisions.
- We will minimise consumption of natural resources and wastage of materials as far as practicable.
- We will promote the use of sustainable forms of energy and seek to reduce our energy and CO2 footprint.

Processes Instigated:

- Minimise the usage of paper by printing only when necessary and to print on both sides of each sheet. The Papercut software system is configured to ensure this is controlled and monitored.
- Be aware of environmental controls and ensure they are followed, these include: disposal of substances, aerosols and obsolete ICT equipment
- Use of Ranger software for PC switch off.
- Use of solar panels to generate electricity which reduces fuel costs and raises extra income from sale to the grid
- Site Manager ensures replacement of light bulbs by LED lights and service contracts are in place for heating and air handling systems across the school to ensure optimum efficiency and fuel reduction improving our carbon footprint.

Staff and students are encouraged to:

- Dispose of items only when they have no further use for the original or another safe and reasonable purpose, with regard to resale where possible.
- Be aware of energy costs and take every opportunity to switch off lights and equipment when not in use.
- Close doors to save heat loss.