



Monkhouse
Primary School

MONKHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Green Procurement Policy

This green procurement policy has been developed by our team of Eco Warriors. The policy demonstrates their commitment to continue to strive for environmental excellence throughout the ECO-SCHOOLS Programme.

‘We are living on this planet as if we have another one to go to.’

Terry Swearingen

Policy Statement

We the Eco Warriors of Monkhouse Primary School firmly believe that every school should give consideration to the products that they purchase. If we continue to use products that are not environmentally friendly then we will surely destroy our planet and we know that there is not another one to go to.

As Eco Warriors we feel strongly that we must try our best to ensure that we are helping to protect the animals, creatures and wildlife that live on our planet.

As well as ensuring products that we use in our school are made in an environmentally friendly way, we believe that we should also consider and raise awareness of ethical trading.

To support our policy statement we have found out about the products that are used in our school.

PAPER – Our school purchases paper made from sustainable sources as the process used in paper recycling can use machines that harm the environment.

CLEANING PRODUCTS – Our school is aware of the impact harmful cleaning materials can have on the environment and always buys Eco-friendly products when possible.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – Ensuring all electrical equipment e.g. Computers are turned off when not in use.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT – When we buy ink, toner and new energy efficient photocopying machines, we always recycle empty cartridges and packaging.

TRANSPORT- Our school does not own its own transport but we do have a yearly

pass for use on the metro train. Our school promotes the use of the pass to reduce carbon emissions from the frequent use of coaches. We use the Metro for visits when possible to ensure best value. We also have covered space for bicycles and scooters to encourage children to cycle and scoot to school.

ELCTRICITY – Our school always purchases energy efficient lighting and has energy saving time switches in all of our classrooms.

FURNITURE – When possible we buy furniture that is made from sustainable sources or recycled materials.

FOOD & CATERING – Our cook uses only free range eggs and our cooking oil is recycled

GARDENING SERVICES – North Tyneside Council provide our school with gardening services. They support and educate us on the use of products that care for our grounds. They encourage us whenever possible to grow organic products. We are planning to have an orchard on our back field and this would start early 2016.

As Eco Warrior we have also found out that our school purchases T-shirts from a company called TRUTEX which has an ethical trading policy. Paint used in our school comes from a local company called Earth Friendly Decorating who specialise in providing schools and homes with environmentally friendly products and we also know that our plastic reading folders are made from recycled plastic.

We feel that our school is demonstrating that it has the care and interests of the community at heart and through our Green Procurement Policy can prove that we are a school that is passionate about the environment and the planet we live on.

*The Eco Warriors
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