



Ladybirds Environmental Responsibility Policy **(Revised 4th November 2024)**

Working in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS).

Quality and Consistency.

A Secure Foundation.

Partnership Working.

Equality of Opportunity.

Unique Child Positive Partnerships Enabling Environment Learning and Developing

Introduction

At Ladybirds Preschool we recognise our responsibility to ensure that the Preschool limits its impact on the local environment whilst promoting environmental responsibility among the children, parents/carers, staff and visitors. The aim is to reduce, reuse and recycle as far as practicable within the setting.

Procedures

We will aim to have a consistently high standard of environmental responsibility, and in particular we will:

- Ensure that the Preschool area is adequately maintained to be sustainable into the future.
- Make sure waste is appropriately recycled according to the Waste Disposal criteria outlined by the County Council and teach children about the impact of inappropriately discarding rubbish.
- Encourage the children to help grow and nurture plants in the Preschool garden following the Early Years curriculum and where possible, let them taste some of the fruit or vegetables grown to provide them with an understanding of the science of growing food.
- Promote the use of email as the preferred form of communication with parents/carers for invoices and newsletters, thereby limiting the use of paper.
- Use recycled material donated by parents/carers for various craft activities within the Preschool.
- Use, as far as practical, lower polluting cleaners within the Preschool.
- Ensure heating, lighting and use of electrical goods at the Preschool is timetabled and not unnecessarily excessive.
- Emphasise the importance to the children of not wasting water.

The Management Committee recognises their responsibility to ensure that the Preschool limits its impact on the local environment whilst promoting environmental

responsibility among the children, parents/carers, staff and visitors. The aim is to reduce, reuse and recycle as far as practicable within the setting. whilst washing their hands, as far as it is hygienic.

- Actively encourage parents/carers and staff to bring ink jets, toners and mobile phones to recycle with Recycle4Charity which provides a small income for the Preschool and therefore reduces landfill accordingly.
- Ensure that the requirements of all relevant statutory provisions are met regarding disposal of waste.
- Encourage staff, children, parents/carers and visitors to arrive by a sustainable non-polluting form of transport, as far as is practical (it is appreciated that some do not live in the local vicinity).
- Source local volunteers and local suppliers for services or goods as far as practical, limiting transit of goods and the associated carbon footprint of delivering that good or service, whilst supporting the local economy around Salisbury.
- Report any serious environmental impact on or around the Preschool to the relevant authority.
- Ensure outings are made to local attractions or establishments so children and parents/carers can fully appreciate their local environment.
- Provide such information, instruction and training as is necessary to ensure the staff, children, parents/carers and visitors are aware of local and global environmental issues affecting the Preschool.
- Encourage fundraising activities, such as Nearly New Sales or Jumble Sales, to recycle local items and provide an income for essential Preschool learning resources.

[Other Related Policies & Procedures](#)

The following policies provide additional information regarding the safeguarding and welfare of the children in our care:

- *Committee Policy*
- *Employment & Staffing Policy*
- *Food & Drink Policy*
- *Health & Safety Policy*
- *Infection Control Policy*
- *Nappy Changing Policy*
- *No Smoking Policy*
- *Outings & Visits Policy*
- *Parent Involvement Policy*

- *Physical Environment Policy*
- *Risk Assessment Policy*
- *Toileting Policy*

This policy will be monitored and evaluated at committee meetings. It will be reviewed bi-annually and unless new legislation or an incident occurs which requires an immediate review of this policy

November 2024

Review Date: November 2026

This policy was adopted by the committee on 19/11/2024

Signed: *Jean De Garis*_____

Reviewed Date: 30/11/2025

Signature: *N L Mann-Rae*

Amendments: