



Rudston Primary School

Eco Schools Policy

Date: September 2018

Subject Lead: Miss D Smith

This policy and all school policies are produced in accordance to guidance set out in our school legislation and guidance policy.

Approved By Governors: September 2018

Review Autumn Term 2019

Our Mission Statement:

To develop a love of learning,
enabling all children
to reach their full potential.

* Respect * Resilience *
* Responsibility * Enjoyment *
* Challenge *

Safeguarding Statement:

“Rudston Primary school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.”

Rudston Primary school is committed to educating children about caring and respecting the environment and developing sensible citizens that are able to make valuable decisions. The Eco Committee at Rudston has a key role in achieving this and is a predominant part of our Eco-Schools programme. The Eco Committee represents the whole school community and shares a range of responsibilities including energy saving and recycling. At Rudston, the Eco- Committee help to plan and lead assemblies and Eco themed week throughout the year, including switch off fortnight, Waste week and Walk to school Week for all the children and staff to participate in.

Aims and Objectives:

The aims and objectives of the Eco Schools Programme at Rudston Primary are

- To become more sustainable in the school environment and reduce the environmental impact of the whole school.
- Promote environmental awareness.
- To develop an awareness of global issues.
- To develop a whole school approach in promoting environmental awareness – pupils, all staff, governors, parents and members of the local community.
- To help develop pupils' decision making skills.
- To link environmental issues in with the curriculum.

Eco Committee purposes:

- To ensure a whole school approach about caring for the environment.
- To encourage pupil voice, give pupils responsibilities and promote team work.
- To develop pupils' skills in decision making
- To develop an awareness of environmental issues

The Eco Committee is also the key part in implementing other elements in the school community such as:

- Litter
- Waste minimisation
- Energy
- Transport
- Healthy Living
- Water waste
- School grounds

Eco Schools at Rudston:

At Rudston we use a structured system and each year the following are established and completed to ensure Eco schools is embedded within the school

- The Eco Committee
- The Environmental Review
- The Action Plan
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Eco code
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Rudston Primary School's Eco Committee:

Each School year a new group of children are appointed by their peers to be a part of our school's Eco-Committee. The children are supported by our school's Eco lead throughout the year, however, the children become the main driving force behind the Eco Committee once they become familiar with what being a member involves. The first task for the Eco Committee, at the beginning of the school year, is to carry out an Environmental review. From the environmental review an action plan for the coming year is then devised. Progress against the action plan is then evaluated and improvements are monitored carefully by both the Eco committee and Eco Lead. Pupils involved in the Eco Committee have to inform the wider community of their actions. The pupils play an important part of the scheme and become involved in participation and decision making to help improve the school environment. Eco – Schools extends learning beyond the classroom and develops responsible citizens beyond school.

The Eco Committee consists of pupils from Year 2 to Year 6. Two pupils from each class, in each year group are chosen to represent their class and it is their duty to feedback and bring forward any suggestion from their class. At the start of the academic year, in the initial meetings, pupils are made aware of their roles and the responsibilities. It is the responsibility of the Eco Schools Committee and the Eco Schools Coordinator to ensure an environmental review and action plan are planned and carried out at the beginning of each academic year. The topics from the Eco Schools programme will be used in focusing on actions.

The Role of the Eco Schools Coordinator:

- To update the policy.

- To complete action plans for each academic year to contribute to the school improvement plan.
- To keep staff informed of actions and new developments.
- To coordinate focus weeks.
- To keep a portfolio of evidence of action areas.
- To involve outside agencies.

Signed: D. Smith

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