Hemingford Grey Playgroup

Policy: Environmental

March 2017

Introduction

At Hemingford Grey Playgroup, we are committed to ensuring that the work we undertake daily takes into account the possible impacts on the environment.

We believe that all places of work and education are responsible for achieving good environmental practice and operating in a sustainable manner. We recognise that it is important to work in a way which is environmentally friendly, both to reduce our impact on the environment and to teach the children with whom we work, about the importance of protecting the natural world in which we live.

We are therefore committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance. It is our priority to encourage our children and parents to do the same. Not only is this sound commercial sense for all; it is also a matter of delivering on our duty of care towards future generations.

We aim to:

- Wholly support and comply with or exceed the requirements of current environmental legislation and codes of practice.
- Minimise our waste and then reuse or recycle as much of it as possible. We encourage children to sort waste into the appropriate bin.
- Minimise energy and water usage in our building.
- Encourage all parents and staff to minimise their number of car journeys to and from playgroup, for example walk to playgroup whenever possible.
- Teach children about the importance of looking after their local environment in an age appropriate way, e.g. not dropping litter.
- As far as possible purchase products and services that do the least damage to the environment and encourage others to do the same.
- Ensure that all members of staff understand our environmental policy and conform to the high standards it requires.

This policy was reviewed at a meeting of Hemingford Grey Playgroup Committee, held on 26th March 2014 and 27th March 2017.

Signed by the chairperson, on behalf of the Committee:

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