



## **Policy Document for SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **OVERVIEW**

Our future is dependent upon how we care for ourselves, each other, and our environment, here and now. Education for sustainable development will be an important part of our ethos and we will ensure that it is embedded in our management, teaching, learning and curriculum. We will enable learners to understand the economic value of **sustainable development and its potential impact on the environment.**

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. To increase learners' awareness, knowledge and understanding of the importance of sustainable development.
2. To give learners opportunities to explore local and world issues about sustainable development within the curriculum, teaching and learning.
3. To ensure that, wherever possible, the school uses healthy, ethically sourced, food and drink that supports local producers and suppliers.
4. To ensure that the school conserves energy and water and that learners understand the importance of the development of sustainable sources of power.
5. To educate learners about the importance of sustainable travel.
6. To establish purchasing and waste recycling models to promote sustainable development. We will encourage learners and staff to minimise waste.
7. We will promote an understanding of learners as 'global citizens'.

### **STRATEGIES**

1. Wherever appropriate, we will seek the views of learners, parents, the community, and wider groups, to help us set our priorities for sustainable development.
2. We will use sustainable development to enliven teaching, learning and the curriculum to increase learners' enthusiasm, enjoyment and motivation and to raise standards by introducing them to real world issues.
3. The core themes of sustainable development will be promoted across the school and linked to the wider community.
4. We will conserve energy and water and we will minimise waste. Material waste will also be minimised by our strategy to reduce, repair, reuse and recycle as much waste as possible.
5. We will encourage the use of healthier, less polluting, and less dangerous, modes of travel.
6. We will promote healthy eating and drinking and wherever possible, use ethically sourced food and drink that supports local producers and suppliers.
7. We will establish a sustainable model of design for our outdoor environment and its management.
8. We will promote learners' understanding of corporate citizenship by engaging in local projects to improve the quality of the community and its environment.
9. We will enrich our learning experiences by engaging in activities that improve the lives of people in other parts of the world.

### **OUTCOMES**

This school will do all it can to provide economic sustainability. We will build sustainable development into our everyday management and practice and into the curriculum teaching and learning and life of the school.

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