



## Rosemary Nursery School & Children's Centre Environmental Policy

### **Rationale:**

At Rosemary Nursery School and Children's Centre we realise that it is important to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of our actions upon the environment in which we live. We should take responsibility for own actions and promote a sense of duty and care for the world in which we live.

In order to do this we will incorporate the principles of the three R's (Reduce, Re-use and Recycle) into our day to day practice and encourage our children and families to do so as well.

### **Reduce:**

#### Energy:

- We will switch off lights, computers, radiators and other electrical equipment when they are not in use, taking special care to do so at the end of the working day
- We will keep outside doors shut in cold weather
- We will make sure we turn off taps when we are finished and teach the children to do the same
- We will audit the amount of energy used

#### Paper:

- We will reduce the amount of paper we use by:
  - ✓ Writing or printing on both sides of the paper whenever possible
  - ✓ Sending and storing information electronically where possible.

#### Transport:

- We have no parking facilities on site.

- The majority of our children live in the flats surrounding the nursery and those who live further afield are encouraged to walk where possible.
- Members of staff and adults visiting the setting are encouraged to walk or cycle.

#### **Re-use:**

- Gardening waste will be put into the school compost bins
- Rosemary Nursery School and Children's Centre will always endeavour to find uses for donated materials. Where no use can be found we will recycle wherever possible.
- Paper will be reused within the classroom
- Display Paper will be carefully taken down and reused wherever possible
- Paper will be used on both sides wherever possible

#### **Recycle:**

- Where possible materials are re-used; for example, cardboard and foil containers for junk modelling
- We recycle paper, plastic and glass bottles as well as computer ink cartridges.
- We encourage our children, families and other service users to recycle wherever possible
- As a last resort, waste materials will be sent to landfill.

#### **Cleaning and the use of chemicals and pesticides:**

- We will strive to use environmentally friendly chemicals on site (eg cleaning products) and to reduce or eliminate pesticides, herbicides etc in the garden/allotment. If Glyphosate has to be used, signs will be put up before and after to say it will be /has been used on that area.

At Rosemary Nursery School and Children's Centre, children have the opportunity to work on the nursery allotment and explore the garden. This enables them to learn about the outside environment, where food comes from and start to understand the importance of their own impact on the environment.

The school uses opportunities provided through the curriculum, such as Forest School and Learning in the Community, to teach children and families about the dangers of litter.

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