



Environmental Policy

Enya's Childcare is committed to the protection of the environment through reducing pollution, emissions and waste.

As part of the induction process, and through staff meetings and training, our staff will be informed about reducing the use of raw materials, supplies and energy.

Our appointed **Environmental Officer** is: Tracy Darke

Our appointed **Outreach Officer** is: Amy Jones

We raise the children's awareness of environmental issues through our Eco Schools Programme, discussions, projects and day-to-day activities within the setting.

Children and staff follow the Settings 'Eco Code': **We are Green, We Keep the Earth Clean!**

Here is a non-exhausted list of our commitments to the environment:

- We are an award winning accredited Eco School
- We have an appointed Environmental Officer and Outreach Officer
- We consider our environmental and consumer responsibility in business decisions and purchasing
- As a consumer of children's toys and resources, we take our environmental responsibility very seriously. We are thoughtful in the products that we purchase and consider its material and longevity. As a rule, to minimise our carbon footprint, we commit to using mostly natural loose parts, recycled plastic toys or wooden toys
- We collaborate with Terracycle UK to reduce landfill waste
- We re-use and recycle our waste material, and the recycling bins are easily accessible to staff and children
- We switch off lights when not in use and fit the lights with energy saving bulbs where possible and we turn off electrical equipment at the power source when not in use
- We turn off taps after use and do not waste water or paper hand towels
- We do not drop litter and conduct regular litter picks within the community
- We launched our very own Forest School and maintain two community gardens within Crowland on a voluntary basis
- We encourage our children by involving the setting in National Initiatives such as The Great Big School Clean, Plastic Free July and Keep Britain Tidy.

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