



## **The Butterfly Rooms (Incorporating Woodlands) LTD**

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### **Early Years Sustainability Policy (2025)**

#### **1. Policy Statement**

We are committed to embedding sustainability into every aspect of our early years provision. Our goal is to nurture environmentally conscious children, reduce our environmental impact, and contribute positively to our community and planet.

#### **2. Legal and Regulatory Framework**

This policy is informed by:

- DfE Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy (2022–2030)
- Sustainability Leadership and Climate Action Plans Guidance (2025)
- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework (2024 update)
- Early Years and Childcare Statutory Guidance (2025)
- UK Climate Change Act (2008) and Environment Act (2021)

#### **3. Sustainability Leadership**

- A Sustainability Lead has been appointed to oversee our climate action plan and ensure compliance with national guidance.
- The Sustainability Lead works with staff, children, and families to promote sustainable practices and environmental education.

#### **4. Climate Action Plan**

Our Climate Action Plan addresses four key areas:

- Decarbonisation: Reducing energy and water use, improving efficiency, and monitoring carbon emissions.
- Adaptation and Resilience: Preparing for climate-related risks (e.g., heatwaves, flooding).
- Biodiversity and Environment: Enhancing green spaces, participating in the National Education Nature Park, and promoting nature-based learning.
- Climate Education and Green Careers: Embedding sustainability into the curriculum and fostering environmental responsibility from an early age.

### **5. Curriculum Integration**

- We use the EYFS Understanding the World area to help children explore nature, weather, seasons, and environmental care.
- Activities include recycling, gardening, nature walks, and storytelling about the planet.
- Children's voices are valued in shaping our sustainability efforts.

### **6. Whole-Setting Approach**

- All staff are trained in sustainable practices.
- Parents and carers are engaged through newsletters, workshops, and community events.
- We collaborate with local authorities and networks such as the Climate Ambassador Programme.

### **7. Operational Practices**

- We minimise waste and promote reuse and recycling.
- Eco-friendly products are used where possible (e.g., biodegradable nappies, non-toxic cleaning supplies).
- Energy and water usage are monitored and reduced through efficient systems.

### **8. Monitoring and Review**

- The Sustainability Lead reviews the Climate Action Plan annually.
- Progress is shared with staff, families, and the local community.
- The policy is reviewed every 12 months or in response to regulatory changes.

This policy was adopted by

The Butterfly Rooms Ltd

On

7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Date to be reviewed

7<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Signed on behalf of the Management  
committee



Name of signatory

Miss Aimee Thompson

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