**** **CAPEL PRE-SCHOOL** Reg Charity No: 271366

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**Environmental Sustainability Policy**

**At Capel Pre-school we support children to learn about sustainable practices and teach them to respect and care for the living and non-living environment and learn about the world around them and how to protect it. We will embed sustainability into all aspects of the setting including:**

● recycling materials for art and creative activities and encouraging parents to bring in their

recycling materials for the same use

● ensuring parents recycle children’s take-home recycled material models if they do not

keep them

● considering our carbon footprint when purchasing materials

● shopping local where possible

● turning off equipment and lights when not in use

● not leaving any equipment on standby

● unplugging all equipment at the end of its use/the day

● composting food waste

● incorporating water-wise strategies such as ensuring taps are turned off and leaks fixed

● recycling water from the water play to water plants outside

● if we grow food crops they will be used for snack time along with the apples from our tree in the community orchard.

**Staff are encouraged to take extra care during their normal duties by avoiding unnecessary or extravagant use of services, energy, etc.**

● Be careful and sensible in use of resources including consumables like wipes, hand

towels, detergents etc.

● Be careful and sensible in use of resources like paint, craft, etc.

● Encourage children to sensibly use all resources.

● Turn off any unnecessary lighting and heating

● Keep doors closed whenever possible

● Print sensibly and only if required

**We promote a holistic, open-ended curriculum which explores ideas and practices for**

**environmental sustainability and helps children understand the links between**

**people and the environment by:**

● helping children to explore nature through art and play

● supporting children to experience the natural environment through natural materials like

wood, stone, sand and recycled materials

● supporting the environment by learning how to grow and nurture plants in the pre-school

garden and discovering all about the food cycle by growing and harvesting,

● helping children to learn about water conservation, energy efficiency and waste

reduction through play-based activities and adult interactions

● providing opportunities for children to explore and interact with nature through outdoor play, gardening and nature walks

● encouraging parents and children to walk to pre-school when they can to raise the

awareness of caring for the planet

● developing a recycling area and encouraging children to share recycling ethos’s in their

home environment.

Working together with all our parents and partners will help our environment to be more

sustainable and make it a better place for future generations to grow up in.

We assess pre-schools impact on the environment on a regular basis