



## Environmental policy



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## Mission statement

At Ryelands Primary School we recognise that the environment is important to our pupils, their families, our staff and our community. We recognise our responsibility to manage our environmental impacts carefully and to use our position to raise environmental awareness and promote environmental responsibility. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods, with regular review points.

## Policy aims

We endeavour to:

- Incorporate environmental considerations into our business decisions.
- Continually improve and monitor our own environmental performance.
- Promote environmental awareness and responsibility among our staff, pupils and their families.

## Policy priorities

### 1. *Our teaching*

- We will continue to seek to embed environmental sustainability into our teaching within the school.
- We will ensure that our teachers have access to the training and resources they need to enable this.

### 2. *Energy & water*

- We will continue to seek ways of reducing the amount of energy and water used in our buildings.
- We will explore the feasibility of introducing renewable/low carbon energy generation.

### 2. *Our school grounds*

- We will seek ways of promoting biodiversity and increased carbon sequestration through the management of our grounds. In doing so, we will seek to capitalise on the educational opportunities that this will offer.

### 4. *Waste*

- We will seek to reduce waste and increase rates of recycling.
- We will seek to implement composting of food waste

## Our Environmental Management System

We have developed an Environmental Action Plan to ensure we meet the requirements of this policy. The Environmental Action Plan, together with this policy, comprises our Environmental Management System (EMS). Our EMS is independently certified by [Green Small Business](#). Our certification is maintained through an annual audit carried out independently by Green Small Business.