

Reduce, Re-use and Recycle Policy

The children, staff, parents and governors of Chester Blue Coat CE Primary School are committed to developing their care of the environment. The school has an active Eco Council who meet regularly and take a lead in the Eco Schools Award having achieved the Silver award so far. We have adopted the 3 R's (reduce, re-use and recycle) as the main focus for managing waste products and protecting the environment. This policy outlines some of the strategies currently in use.

Reducing

- Energy (lighting & heating)
The school has been designed to maximise the use of natural light to save energy e.g. sun pipes have been built in to the upstairs corridor. The windows have been designed to use sunlight effectively but reduce glare. The school's heating and lighting systems are managed effectively to reduce energy use.
- Water
The school monitors its use of water to reduce waste.

Re-using

- Printer cartridges are collected and recycled.
- Textiles recycling
The school takes part in the bags to School recycling scheme
- Re-using materials
The staff and Site Maintenance Officer make sure that any items for disposal are checked in case they can be reused effectively in another way.

Recycling

- Paper recycling
All classrooms and main work areas have a designated box for the collection of waste paper. These boxes are emptied regularly into the main paper bins ready for collection.
- Waste recycling
Our waste management company were selected for their commitment to recycling and there are bins for recycling waste and for general waste. This ensures our paper and plastics are recycled.

Building

The architects of the new school building worked with staff and governors to include a number of eco-friendly features in their design and construction of the new building.

- Emphasis on maximising natural light for all areas of the school
- Sun pipes to use daylight to light the upstairs corridor
- Providing very good insulation to reduce energy costs for heating
- Recycling bins storage area
- Some original stone were rescued from the old buildings was incorporated into the new grounds as well as the reuse of the play equipment.

Our Green Procurement statement

"We will ensure that we purchase all products and services that consider environmental aspects, potential impacts and costs, associated with their life cycle. Our practice of procuring products and services will ensure that they are less harmful to the environment (land, air and water), that are made with less harmful materials which when produced, used or consumed. This will include buying local, buying recycled and recyclable, using less chemicals and reducing the schools carbon footprint associated with products and services."

Approved by Governors:

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