

Bengeworth CE Academy



Eco Policy

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This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

Educational Visits
Safeguarding Children
Science
PSHE

An Introduction to Eco Schools at Bengeworth CE Academy

The Ethos of Bengeworth CE Academy

Bengeworth CE Academy is a dynamic and vibrant school where every child acquires a high-quality education and an unforgettable childhood experience. We provide a happy, safe and caring environment where each person feels valued and excellence and enjoyment are embedded. We all choose to be here, children and staff alike, demonstrating mutual respect, a desire to learn and a zest for life through aspiration, determination and fulfilment.

Our Vision at Bengeworth CE Academy

*We endeavour to create a **caring** school, which is:*

- **Imaginative** in our approach
- **Pioneering** in our ambitions
- **Inspirational** to our people
- **Effective** in our outcome
- **Challenging** in our aspirations

An Introduction of Eco at Bengeworth Academy

Bengeworth Academy achieved the Bronze Eco Schools Award in 2011 and the Silver Award in September 2018. Through the determination of both the staff and children this award is now evident throughout the school. We are members of Eco Schools and frequently use this website to encourage lots of new ideas and activities across the school. Our next goal is to achieve the Eco Green Flag Award in 2020.

Throughout the curriculum, Eco topics can now be seen and these now run alongside both the Science and PSHE topics. Children can also be seen undertaking Eco topics in forest school sessions and in specialist weeks planned around Eco and Science. Children now have an Eco challenge booklet which is completed throughout the school year and has lots of different Eco challenges for the children to undertake.

Bengeworth Academy has an Eco Club who meet once every half term and will meet to complete different workshops run by outside providers such as WCC. Eco club is also an after school club that runs for half a term within a school year. The club consists of one child from each year group from reception and key stage 1 and two children from each year group from across key stage 2. The children will be working on self-chosen topics to achieve the Eco Schools Green Flag. Pupil voice allows the children to plan and complete enterprise activities which will raise the profile of Eco across the school with ideas such as a book swap and recycle and reuse projects.

The children at Bengeworth have written an Eco code from their ideas and thoughts about how to promote this subject within school. This code can be found in the appendices of this policy and is also displayed in every classroom in both the Kings Road and Burford Road Sites. The children adhere to this policy and the children of Eco club help to implement the themes across the school and remind children of the benefits of our school being an eco-friendly school.

A science and Eco week now takes place within the school year, where exciting activities and the promotion of Eco across the school takes place. This allows the children to take ownership of Eco and have a voice in all Eco activities. This week will be led by the children and observations and photographic evidence will be recorded and saved with the Eco folder and will help towards the Eco award green flag.

Eco Topics

The **nine topics** of Eco are as follows and are promoted across the school:

- Biodiversity
- Energy
- Litter
- Waste
- Water
- School Grounds
- Healthy Living
- Transport
- Global Citizenship

As a school, we are trying our best to embed these topics into our curriculum and this will become evident over time. These topics will run alongside PSHE and Science topics throughout the school.

Our School Values

Through our Christian Values of friendship, responsibility, respect, perseverance and trust, we demonstrate our love for the world and everyone in it.

Within our Curriculum and throughout their schooling we teach children the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Within Eco the school values are promoted-

- Through **friendship** we can encourage our children to work together helping each other with reminders for turning off lights and recycling within the classrooms. Children will work together in both Eco club and through the enterprise projects.

- Through **responsibility** we can encourage our children to be recycle thinking about future generations and what this would mean. There is a recycling bin in each shared area across the school and the children take responsibility to ensure that this bin is emptied. The Eco club will also take responsibility for ensuring that the Eco code is being adhered to e.g. reminding people to turn off the projector and lights within the classroom.
- Through **respect** we will encourage our children to look after belongings within the school. The children will respect classroom equipment like pens and are encouraged to not just throw paper into the bin but to recycle paper. The children will respect each other's values, ideas and opinions.
- Through **perseverance** we can encourage our children to recycle and adhere to the Eco code. The children will persevere to complete all seven topics across the academic year and will persevere to keep our school eco-friendly.
- Through **trust** we can encourage our children to be independent Eco friendly pupils and trust the children to complete both enterprise and activities that embed the Eco code and curriculum across the school.



Bengeworth Academy Children's Eco Code



At Bengeworth everyone tries to:

1. Take care of the school grounds and environment.
2. Put rubbish in the correct bins – paper towels, plastic cups, paper, card and plastic should be placed in the recycling bins and other rubbish placed in the normal bin.
3. Turn off all classroom lights and IWB's when not in use.
4. Pick up any litter, such as fruit skins etc. and place in the playground bin.
5. Turn off all taps after you have used them.
6. Turn off any electrical equipment when not in use.

