

# Sustainable Practice



At **Coalway Early Years** we value our environment. In order to keep our earth safe and healthy for our children we closely monitor the management of our waste and its disposal in accordance with local authority requirements. Staff are made aware of the need to minimise energy waste and the nursery uses appropriate measures to save energy including:

- Energy saving light bulbs if possible
- Turning off lights when not in use
- Monitoring the use of room heaters to ensure a suitable temperature is maintained whilst conserving energy
- Not leaving any equipment on standby
- Unplugging all equipment at the end of its use/the day
- Energy saving wash cycles on the dish washing machine
- Washing towels/soft furnishings on full loads.

We recycle as much waste as possible including paper, card, plastic. We use our local recycling centre where appropriate to dispose of larger items. We encourage re-use of appropriate equipment, for example, using boxes and packets for modelling activities. We sell items we no longer require such as toys and books (if in appropriate condition) for fundraising purposes and/or donate such items to charities.

We grow vegetables in our garden area and use these for snacks or sell for fundraising purposes.

We assess our nursery's impact on the environment on a regular basis and put procedures in place to counteract this impact.

Where age/stage appropriate, we help children to understand the importance of sustainable lifestyles including how to be healthy as well as recycling, energy saving etc.

This policy is reviewed annually and is carefully considered in the best interests of the children, nursery and the environment.

<b>This policy was adopted on</b>	<b>Signed (nursery manager)</b>		
	<b>Signed (Chair or Committee)</b>		
<b>Date for review</b>		<b>Date for review</b>	
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