

Little Poppies Preschool Sustainability and Climate Action Policy

It is a requirement from the Department of Education that 'All Education settings will have a nominated Sustainability Lead and put in place a climate action plan by 2025 in line with their Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy.

Our Sustainability Lead is Rachel Coxon

We are required to have at least one action and what we can do in the following 4 categories:-

- 1) **Decarbonisation & Reducing Emissions** - Using less energy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.
- 2) **Adaptation & Resilience** - Preparing for climate change. Adapting the setting so it stays safe, cool and prepared for extreme weather.
- 3) **Improving the Environment & Biodiversity** - Helping nature thrive. Making the setting more nature friendly and improving outdoor spaces
- 4) **Climate Education & Green Careers** - Helping children and adults understand environmental issues and think about future opportunities.

We outline the actions Little Poppies Preschool are doing and review every term.

Little Poppies Preschool Sustainability & Climate Control Action Plan

Category	What we can do (as adults)	What we can do (with or teaching the children)
1) Decarbonisation & reducing emissions	Discuss energy usage and energy saving ideas at staff meetings Staff to use heating/air conditioning only when necessary and remember to turn off air con when outdoor door is open	Encourage children to turn off the toilet light when not in use
2) Adaption & Resilience	Create shared areas in the garden using shades to protect staff & children from the sun Liase with Landlord to ensure maintenance of the gutters and drains to reduce the risk of flooding Implement our sun safe policy in hot weather	Weather related activities, discuss weather everyday at Circle Time (Big Group) Talk to children about why we drink more in hot weather, what they need to keep safe - hat, suncream, clothing etc Talk to the children about clothing in different types of weather Read books on the weather
Category	What we can do (as adults)	What we can do (with or teaching the children)
3) Improving the Environment & Biodiversity	Use peat free compost for garden projects Place bird feeders in the outdoor area	Create a wildflower area with the children Make a bird box with the children Use the greenhouse to grow plants, vegetables & herbs Children to replenish the bird feeder and water with staff
4) Climate Education & Green Careers	Placement of recycling bins for adults and children Staff to ask parents that are leaving to donate the uniform and pass onto new parents Leftover snack to be boxed up	Activities to help children be aware of environmental issues Teach children what goes into the correct recycling bins Reading age appropriate books and stories reflecting environmental issues

and sent home to feed pets

Reminding the children to turn off the taps when they have finished washing their hands

Signage at sinks for use of water and turning off taps