Blaenavon Heritage Voluntary Controlled Primary School



ECO POLICY

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PURPOSE

To promote and deliver the values of the Eco Schools programme throughout our school and our wider community.

AIMS

- To ensure our school community, especially pupils, participate in decisions;
- To ensure that the whole school are aware of the Eco-Schools ethos;
- To ensure the effective delivery of our action plan;
- To demonstrate the support of senior management in the delivery of the scheme.

WIDER SCHOOL AIMS/ETHOS

The wider school aims/ethos are underpinned by the schools vision, values and aims.

SOURCES AND REFERENCES

This policy has been developed in conjunction with the Eco-Schools Handbook for Wales.

PRINCIPLES/VALUES

Children must feel valued, listened to and empowered. By giving pupils a greater say in decision making creates a better school ethos and enables them to take ownership of their school.

PROCEDURES AND PRACTICE

1. Meets regularly;
2. An agenda is produced;
3. The class representatives are voted for by their peers;
4. Eco-Council representative remains in place for a year;
5. Good communication is promoted between representatives and their classes, with a report back to class after meetings;
6. Eco-Councillors respect and listen to each other;
7. Minutes are written after each meeting and a copy sent to the Head Teacher and Governors;
8. An Eco-School's Notice Board displays Eco-Councillors, action plan and current topic work;
9. Parents are informed about Eco news in school newsletters, as and when necessary.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Governors:	will review the policy as and when required and should have an understanding of the policy when conducting their link governor role.
Head Teacher:	will ensure the policy is adhered to and monitor and review.
Eco Schools Co-ordinator:	will ensure the policy is adhered to and reviewed.
Teachers:	will ensure the children can fulfil their role as an Eco-Councillor.
Pupils:	should be made aware of the policy so they can follow its practices.

Equal opportunities: The Eco-Council is accessible to all children, whatever their ability.