

## WISE and our Green Policy

### Policy Statement

At WISE, we are committed to doing as much as we can to ensure that as a school and a business we monitor the impact of our activities on the environment to the best of our ability and we are committed to managing and minimising this impact.

We feel passionately that every little act towards saving the planet can make a big difference. This policy sets out to demonstrate what we are doing within the school. We are always looking at ways to improve.

### What we are doing

In order to promote best practice we have the following **measures** in place:

#### □ Recycling

We have recycling bins in every classroom, meeting room and in Reception. We actively encourage students and staff to utilise the bins.

#### □ Food and plant waste

Is collected in a small container above the microwave and regularly taken home by Amanda Thorogood to be disposed of in food bin. Any plant/flower waste is disposed of in the WISE garden beds.

#### □ Cups

We offer Re-usable cups (with lids) to our students and staff for them to have tea and coffee. We discourage throw away plastic cups.

We offer our students water from a water dispenser and we recycle the cups by asking the students not to throw away these cups. We wash them and use them again.

#### □ Use less paper

We really want to cut down on the amount of paper we use. It is frightening the amount that has been used in the past at the school and we are making a conscious effort to reduce this. To avoid giving out copious amounts of information sheets, we encourage students to take photos of notices and circulate the information among their class whatsapp groups. We utilise the projector to show work on the board that students can copy down.

In Reception, we have a notice displayed to remind teachers to be mindful of photocopying and to photocopy double sided whenever they can.

We have a scrap paper box which all staff can use for note taking and giving out in class.

### □ **Bags**

At WISE we encourage the use of re-usable bags and we give our students a material bag for them to put books and notepads/pens in. We discourage the use of plastic bags. We re-use any plastic bags to line the kitchen general waste bin.

### □ **Switch off lights and heaters/fans**

When we are not in a classroom or meeting room we ensure lights and heaters/fans and all electrical equipment is switched off at the mains.

### □ **Encourage debate and discussion about the environment**

We believe that 'being Green' is everyone's responsibility, so in order to best promote this we encourage debates and discussion within each class. Education at any level is the key. We find that this is a topic that is universal and students actively engage in discussion. It is positive to see that across different cultures and ages, together we can all help make the planet be more environmentally friendly and greener.

## **Next Steps**

We appreciate there is still more to do and we are always looking at ways to enhance and improve our Green Policy. We encourage discussion among the staff and Directors at meetings about the ways in which we can put our ideas into practice.

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