



Sustainability Plan

At Holtspur Pre-School, we are committed to promoting sustainable practices and helping children develop an early understanding of caring for the environment. We aim to reduce waste, save energy and water and encourage respect for nature through daily routines and learning experiences.

We believe that making small meaningful changes can make a positive difference to the environment and help children develop lifelong habits that support sustainability.

This policy applies to all staff, children and families within the setting.

Our Sustainability Themes

Biodiversity

Aim: To help children understand and care for nature and living things.

What we currently do:

- Grow plants, herbs and vegetables.
- Provide nature walks and outdoor learning.
- Run nature club activities such as making bird feeders.
- Use natural materials in play.

What we plan to do next:

- Plant more flowers that attract bees and butterflies.
- Continue to plant seasonal vegetables.
- Explore seasonal changes and how they affect plants and animals.

Energy

Aim: To reduce energy use and encourage awareness of saving energy.

What we currently do:

- Turn lights off when room not in use.
- Use natural light where possible.

What we plan to do next:

- Encourage children to help check lights and equipment.
- Promote staff awareness of reducing unnecessary energy use.

Waste and Recycling

Aim: To reduce waste and encourage recycling habits

What we currently do:



- Recycle paper, plastic and plants
- Use loose parts and recycled materials in play
- Compost food waste
- Use compostable wet wipes and nappy bags where available.

What we plan to do next:

- Introduce clearly labelled recycling bins.
- Encourage reuse of scrap paper for mark making and creative play.

Food and Food Waste

Aim: To reduce food waste and encourage healthy sustainable habits.

What we currently do:

- Monitoring food waste at snack time
- Compost food waste
- Planting fruit and vegetable seeds

What we plan to do next:

- Use our own produce grown to allow children to try new foods and use for snack times.
- Introduce discussions about reducing food waste.

Travel

Aim: To encourage environmentally friendly travel when possible.

What we currently do:

- Encourage families to walk, cycle, or scoot to pre-school where possible.

What we plan to do next:

- Share reminders through tapestry, promoting awareness of environmentally friendly travel choices.

Water

Aim: To reduce water waste and promote responsible water use.

What we currently do:

- Supervise water waste to reduce unnecessary waste.

What we plan to do next:

- Collect rainwater for watering plants
- Introduce activities that promote awareness of saving water.



Paper and Printing

Aim: To reduce paper waste and use resources responsibly.

What we currently do:

- Reusing scrap paper for drawing and mark making.
- Printing double sided where possible.
- Communicate with parents digitally

What we plan to do next:

- Monitor paper use across the setting

Working with Children

Children are encouraged to take an active role in sustainability through:

- Participating in recycling and composting activities.
- Take part in gardening and planting.
- Learning about nature through stories and outdoor experiences.
- Exploring seasonal changes and environmental themes.

Working with Parents and Families

We support families to engage in sustainable practices by:

- Encouraging reusable water bottles and containers
- Promoting walking, cycling or scooting to school when possible.
- Sharing sustainability ideas through newsletters and displays.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure sustainable practices remain effective and continue to develop.

Sustainability Lead

The sustainability lead at Holtspur pre-school is

Role of the sustainability lead

- Monitor the implementation of the sustainability plan.
- Support staff in promoting sustainable practices within daily routines.
- Ensure recycling and waste procedures are followed consistently
- Encourage children's participation in sustainability activities such as planting, recycling and nature-based learning.
- Share sustainability ideas and updates to staff during meetings.
- Review alongside manager the sustainability, targets and update the action plan termly.
- Ensure sustainability remains a focus within the setting's environment and curriculum.



Links:

[WWF Schools Sustainability Guide.pdf](#)

[Sustainability Support for Education](#)