



# Green Procurement Policy

## SOUTH NORMANTON NURSERY SCHOOL

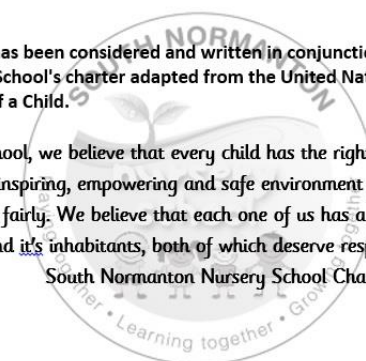
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Chair of Governors

### Record of Policy Amendment / History

Version/ Issue	Date	Author	Reason for Change
1	05/06/15	AH	New policy
2	07/03/17	MH	Amended policy – new introduction added, section on monitoring electricity usage added. RRS added
3	18.04.18	SA	Paragraph added at the end relating to UNCRC highlighted in red
	19.09.21	MH	No change



This policy has been considered and written in conjunction with our Rights Respecting School's charter adapted from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child.

'In our school, we believe that every child has the right to play, learn and grow in an inspiring, empowering and safe environment protected from harm and treated fairly. We believe that each one of us has a responsibility for the world and its inhabitants, both of which deserve respect and nurture.'

South Normanton Nursery School Charter

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### South Normanton Nursery School

South Normanton Nursery School will ensure that when products and services are purchased, we will consider environmental aspects, potential impacts and costs associated with their life cycle. Our practice of procuring products and services will endeavour to ensure that they are less harmful to the environment (land, air and water) and that they are made with less harmful materials when produced, used or consumed. This will include, where possible; buying locally, buying recycled

and recyclable, using less chemicals and reducing the schools' carbon footprint associated with products and services.

## Paper

### ***Procurement considerations***

Wherever possible, we will buy paper which is: recycled, produced with the lowest energy consumption and emissions and the manufacturer states "ecological responsibility".

## Cleaning Products

### ***Procurement considerations***

Where possible, we will:

- use cleaning products effective at lower temperatures.
- avoid certain hazardous substances in products (COSHH).
- avoid phosphorus and limit biocides in products
- follow the recommended dosages
- decrease the use of products through reviewing cleaning plans and techniques
- ensure packaging is made from recycled materials and is recycled
- use products made in the UK.
- avoid using spray propellants.

## Office Equipment

### ***Procurement considerations***

Where possible, we will:

- purchase energy efficient items.
- purchase products with a restricted noise level.
- ensure products and packaging can be recycled.
- Ensure waste products are recycled.

## Lighting

### ***Procurement considerations***

Where possible, we will:

- purchase replacement lights with low energy usage
- use lighting controls to reduce energy consumption
- recycle all waste products.

## Transport

(As we are a Nursery School, we do not have or require transport considerations)

## Furniture

### ***Procurement considerations***

Where possible, we will:

- source locally.
- ensure timber is from sustainable forests.

- use products which can be recycled.
- avoid hazardous substances in materials.
- ensure packaging can be recycled
- buy recyclable furniture.

## Electricity

### ***Procurement considerations***

Where possible, we will:

- increase the share of electricity from renewable energy sources.
- display our Energy Certificate.
- monitor our electricity consumption through the DCC energy monitoring system

## Food and Catering Services

### ***Procurement considerations***

Where possible, we will:

- buy organic food.
- buy sustainably produced fish products.
- buy seasonal products.
- buy meat products with high welfare standards.
- compost any waste.

## Gardening Services

### ***Procurement considerations***

Where possible, we will:

- avoid the use of peat as a soil improver.
- not use pesticides in pest control.
- use our water butts to water plants and allotments.
- use mulching to reduce water demands.
- compost waste materials.
- buy, wherever possible, biodegradable packaging.

## **United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child (UNCRC)**

We understand that as professionals involved in the education of children it is our responsibility as duty-bearers to ensure that children can enjoy their rights and be rights holders. Article 29 talks about education around providing the children with experiences and opportunities that encourage learning about 'protecting our environment'. Reviewing this policy in line with our ECO schools work, our Respecting Rights Schools award work and our ethos and vision as a school ensures that we are adhering to our charter displayed at the top of this policy.