



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Statement of intent:

Teston & Wateringbury Preschool is committed to protecting and encouraging respect for the environment.

Aim:

We aim to do this by:

1. Making children aware of environmental issues through play and projects such as the protection of wildlife, conserving energy and promoting recycling. We have adopted a snow leopard called Laila from the Big Cats Sanctuary in Smarden.
2. Improving the opportunities for outdoor play.
3. Seeking to minimise adverse effects on the environment by adopting environmentally responsible practices.

Methods:

1. Educate children about reducing water wastage at hand washing time
2. Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible
3. Encourage parents/carers to provide “junk” (cardboard boxes, tubes etc) for craft activities
4. Encourage children to use both sides of paper for drawing wherever possible
5. Reduce our carbon footprint. For example, we obtain fresh fruit for the children’s snacks from our local farm shop, just ¼ of a mile away from the village hall
6. Organise trips and events with relevant external bodies such as the Kent Wildlife Trust and the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership to promote enjoyment and protection of the local natural environment
7. Liaise with other agencies as required over outdoor play issues ie Learning through Landscapes.
8. Organise specific planned activities such as bird watching and planting activities.
9. Encourage the children and their parents/carers to take an active interest in our environmental play and projects by suggesting new activities.