

RIVERSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Policy



The children, staff, parents and governors of Riversdale Primary School are committed to developing their care of the environment. The school has adopted the 3 R's (reduce, re-use and recycle) as the main focus for managing waste products and protecting the environment. This policy outlines some of the strategies currently used or proposed

The school is affiliated to a recycling programme which provides for the collection of printer cartridges and batteries.

The school participates in the Wandsworth Council paper recycling scheme and utilises other council recycling points for glass and textiles recycling.

Links to the curriculum

Science

- Materials and their properties (including recycling), micro-organisms and composting.
- All children visit the recycling centre.

PSHE

- pollution, care for the world, environmental issues etc

Maths

- graphs and charts of materials collected for recycling etc.

Art and language

- Promotion of the three Rs in school and beyond

Citizenship

- We aim to develop our links with the Recycling of Waste centre in Wandsworth including visits to their recycling centre etc.

Recycling

Paper recycling

- All classrooms and main work areas have a designated box for the collection of waste paper. These boxes are emptied regularly into the main paper bins ready for collection by the Council.

Composting

- Once the school garden is ready for use the school will have two composting bins. The leftovers from children's free fruit scheme and other fruit consumed at playtimes will be collected and transferred to the school composting bins.

Tin Can recycling

- Any tin cans, glass bottles or jars are taken to a local recycling point

Re-using

Printer cartridges

- These are collected and (when collected in sufficient quantity) are taken away and recycled.

Batteries

- These are collected and (when collected in sufficient quantity) are taken away and recycled.

Old IT equipment

- Once it equipment that is old and no longer needed is logged on the inventory the equipment is sent to centres where it can be reused for the good of others.

Re-use materials from old building

- A few old original bricks and pieces of were rescued from the demolition of the link to the new building and will be incorporated into the new school garden.
- The old radiators were all taken to a recycling point.
- Old school furniture is offered to other schools. Some items are placed on Gumtree to be reused ie the pianos.

Reducing

Paper

- The school actively tries to cut down on the use of paper by sending letters to the family rather than one to each child. Letters are printed 2 to a page if possible and are double sided.

Energy (lighting & heating)

- The new lighting in areas of the school has been designed to reduce the use of electricity by only turning on when movement is recognised. Children are taught to turn off the lights when leaving a classroom. The school's heating system is effectively managed with thermostatic valves.

Plastics

- The school is now exploring ways to promote the reduction of the use of plastics.

Further developments

- Recycling bins storage area to be set up once the building works have been completed.
- New composting bins when the garden is completed.
- Use of a water butt in the garden to collect water and used for watering the children's plants.