

GILLINGSTOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RECYCLING POLICY

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Rationale

We believe that everyone at Gillingstool can contribute and play their part in caring for the environment and accordingly, everyone has a duty to recycle waste products whenever possible.

Definition

Recycling is understood as the prevention of wasting potentially useful materials and processing used materials into a new, useful material.

Aims

- To reduce the amount of waste materials generated by the school
- To develop a culture of reuse and recycling among staff
- To develop a culture of reuse and recycling among the pupils via the curriculum and via our own actions
- To explore and consider new ways of recycling
- To continue to reduce waste
- To ensure all energy within school is used efficiently.

Action

The school seeks to ensure energy and materials are not wasted and to raise awareness of this subject. Accordingly, the school will:

- To use an electronic medium and communications whenever possible to cut paper usage
- All staff to be made aware of the need to use materials carefully and economically in order to save money and reduce waste.
- To consider the use of recycled products (however this has to be set against the best value agenda.)
- Ensure taps and lights are turned off and doors closed whenever possible to reduce energy waste.
- To educate pupils in the appropriate use of disposable items (e.g. hand towels)
- To encourage pupils and staff to walk or cycle to school when possible in conjunction with the aims of the school travel plan
- To aim to use bulk ordering and purchasing when possible to reduce delivery costs and delivery carbon emissions.
- To maintain the building efficiently to take full advantage of all energy saving mechanisms including under-floor heating, lighting control, natural ventilation and door control.
- To ensure 'Recycling' is included within the school curriculum and is frequently highlighted by school assemblies, PSHE activities, circle time etc.
- All waste paper and cardboard within school to be placed in the 'Recycle Bins' and the 'Green Bags' or placed directly into the South Glos Recycling Bin in the refuse area to the left of the building. This is then collected every two weeks. This facility will also take cans, tins, recyclable plastic and shredded confidential papers. This recycling service is free.

- All toner cartridges, ink cartridges and mobile phones to be collected and recycled via the “Apogee Recycling Scheme”
- All waste fruit from class snack times to be composted via school composting bins
- All waste plant matter from pruning, leaf collection etc to be composted if at all possible on site.
- Any large plant waste from activities including large scale pruning or tree surgery will involve outside contractors who will be expected to dispose of waste appropriately
- All garden waste from our school growing areas will be composted on site
- Any other large items or electrical goods will be disposed of using the local SITA recycling facility (Cooper’s Road, Thornbury), following their advice and guidelines.

Conclusion

Recycling is a shared activity. Everyone is equally responsible and everyone stands to gain from a proactive approach to work in this area. Recycling must become the norm not the exception.