



Friends of Orton Wistow School (FOWS) Environmental Policy

Introduction

Friends of Orton Wistow School (FOWS) acknowledges that sustainability is vital for the future of our children and our planet, and this policy set out the principles that will guide our actions towards creating a sustainable future.

It is relevant to all within the association and is endorsed by the committee of FOWS.

It will be reviewed at each AGM to ensure that it remains appropriate to the Organisation and its volunteers needs.

Commitment

We are committed to reducing our environmental impact, conserving resources, and promoting sustainable practices within our school community wherever possible.

At the core of these principles is the recognition that human activities have a significant impact on the environment, and we must take responsibility for reducing that impact.

Our sustainability principles are based on the following core values:

- respect for nature
- social responsibility
- economic viability,

Objectives: Our sustainability policy aims to:

- Reduce the environmental impact of our activities and events by adopting sustainable practices and reducing our carbon footprint.
- Promote awareness of environmental issues and the importance of sustainability among children and adults.
- Promote social responsibility by supporting equality and communities in need.
- Ensure economic viability by pursuing sustainable practices that balance the needs of people, the planet, and profit.
- Continuously improve our sustainability performance.

Actions: To achieve these objectives, Friends of Orton Wistow School (FOWS) will:

1. Reduce Waste: We will minimize waste at all our events and where possible avoid single use plastics.
2. Promote Recycling: We will promote recycling wherever possible and encouraging parents and children to recycle all paper, plastic, and glass waste as well school uniform and other items.
3. Reduce Energy Consumption: We will reduce our energy consumption by turning off all electrical appliances and lights when they are not in use.
4. Encourage Sustainable Transport: We will encourage parents and children to walk, cycle, or take public transport to school, events, and activities.



5. Promote Sustainable Food Choices: We will promote sustainable food choices our events and wherever possible use locally sourced, seasonal produce.
6. Education and Awareness: We will promote awareness of environmental issues and sustainability among children and adults by providing information on sustainable practices through our communication channels.
7. Continuous Improvement: We will regularly review our sustainability policy and performance to identify areas for improvement and to ensure that we are meeting our sustainability objectives.

FOWS is committed to promoting sustainable practices and reducing our environmental impact. By working together as a school community, we can create a sustainable future for our children and our planet.

Changes to the policy

The Committee reserve the right to change this policy to maintain consistency with current best practice and the needs of the organisation. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Friends of Orton Wistow School committee at the AGM but may be amended at any time at the discretion of the current elected committee.