



Little 1 Nursery

## Environmental Sustainability Policy

At little 1 Nursery we are committed in reducing our carbon footprint. We incorporate this into our daily routine by supporting children in learning about sustainable practices and fostering respect for the environment. This policy has been written in line with staff ideas and input.

We are always looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint, we already have embedded sustainability into all aspects of our operations including:

- Considering our carbon footprint when purchasing materials.
- Teaching children about recycling, water conservation, energy efficiency and protecting the planet.
- Planting our own fruits and vegetables in the garden.
- Using auto-off taps in our children's bathrooms.
- Improving stock control & minimising food waste.
- Using LED light bulbs throughout the setting.
- Turning off all lights when not in use.
- Adding meat free days to our menu's
- All staff use reusable water bottles
- Limiting the use of microplastics such as glitter "sparkles"
- When making playdough ensure it's stored correctly to make sure it lasts longer.
- Avoiding single use plastic.
- Using energy saving wash cycles on the washing machine.
- Limiting our tumble dryer usage.
- Recycling materials for arts and crafts activities and encouraging parents to bring in recycling materials from home to be reused.
- Going paperless where necessary using emails and text messages.
- Recycling and paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, tins and glass where possible.
- Receiving less deliveries to the setting.
- Using a water butt to water our plants and vegetables in the garden.

Little 1 staff are well placed to support children to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment, creating a culture of sustainability inside and outside of the setting. Practitioners encourage children to be actively involved, contributing ideas and taking action through sustainability activities, themes and topics.