Sustainability Policy

At Belfield Montessori Day Nursery we aim to support children's learning about sustainable practices and foster care for the living and non-living environment to build a lifelong respect and understanding for the importance of the world around us.

We deliver a holistic, open-ended curriculum that encourages children to explore environmental sustainability while developing an understanding of the interdependence between people and the natural world.

Our sustainability lead is Lucy Balducci.

We achieve this by:

- Inspiring children to connect with nature through creative art experiences and play-based learning.
- Providing opportunities to explore the natural environment using materials such as sand and recycled resources.
- Teaching children to care for the environment by growing and nurturing plants in our nursery garden, and by learning about the food cycle through planting, harvesting, and preparing food for our nursery menu.
- Organising local nature walks to help children observe and learn about local plants and wildlife.
- Creating a dedicated recycling area and empowering children to adopt and share sustainable practices both at nursery and at home.

Our sustainability lead is responsible for ensuring staff are following the steps below:

As a nursery we strive to work sustainably in daily routines and activities by:

- Recycle materials for art and craft activities and encouraging staff to bring in their recycling materials for the same use
- Turning off equipment and lights when not in use
- Using energy saving wash cycles on the washing machine
- Hanging washing out to dry rather than tumble dryers where possible
- Composting food waste
- Incorporating water-wise strategies such as ensuring taps are turned off and leaks fixed
- Using rainwater butts for outdoor water play
- Recycling water from the water play to water plants outside
- Using food that we have grown in nursery meals where possible
- Using ecofriendly glitter alternatives

By working collaboratively with parents and our wider partners, we can create a more sustainable environment and help ensure a healthier planet for future generations.
We regularly review and evaluate our nursery's environmental impact and implement clear procedures and actions to reduce and offset this wherever possible.