



Looking After our Environment Policy and Procedure

It is the policy of Kinnerton Little Acorns to:

- Appreciate and value our living world and our environment.
- Encourage and enable children in our care to develop their understanding of the living world and the impact we all have on it, and to be 'mindful citizens'.
- Ensure our working practice supports the environment.

We do this by appreciating living things and learning about and respecting our local and wider community in the following ways:

- Children take part in planting and caring for plants (flowers and vegetables) both indoors and outside.
- Children help care for any animals and insects at the provision learning how to respect their needs and habits.
- Activities are planned to explore and reinforce the concept of caring for living things in our world.
- Adults are positive role models showing their respect for living things in our world.
- Children are taken on walks in the immediate vicinity, where discussion is encouraged and follow-up activities (such as map making, documenting, photography) are carried out.
- Children are encouraged to use litter and recycling bins inside and outside our premises and understand why.
- Children take part in tidying, clearing and cleaning activities as appropriate to their age and stage of development.
- Recycling is integral to the way we (staff and children) work with and dispose of equipment and resources: <https://walesrecycles.org.uk/recycling-know-how>.

- Children help clear dishes after meals by clearing leftover food into the food caddy and learning to understand what happens to it.
- Children learn that we use water carefully and how a lack of water affects the local and wider community.
- Children are included in decision making about what happens to equipment when it is no longer fit for them to use.
- Domestic strength environmentally friendly substances such as washing up liquid and cleaning fluid, are used in the provision (please refer to our written risk assessment).
- Activities are planned to develop and nurture children's natural curiosity about their location and the world around them, including cultural diversity (please refer to our equality and inclusion policy).
- Kinnerton Little Acorns commits to take part in local/national eco-friendly schemes that benefit children's experience and understanding of the wider community.

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