

25. Looking after Our Environment policy & procedure

It is the policy of Bradley Playgroup 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- Recycling is integral to the way we work with and dispose of equipment and resources.
- 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, cleaning fluid, are used in the provision (please refer to our written COSSH 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).
- Members of the local community (such as post people, police, fire service, farmers, etc) are invited to the provision to tell us about their roles and responsibilities, how they help us and how we can help them. ***This will resume as soon as CIW allow***

- Visits to the local country park, shops, local horse sanctuary and library are undertaken.
- Bradley Playgroup commits to take part in local/national eco-friendly schemes as appropriate.

This **Looking After our Environment** policy and procedure was passed for use in Bradley Playgroup

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