



DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL

Where every child is known and valued

Environment Policy

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Introduction

Ditcham Park School is in the privileged position of being located in the South Downs National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty. Our environment has a positive influence on pupils and staff alike. We accept and acknowledge our responsibility to maintain and enhance the quality of our environment for all who study and work in the School, and the wider community, now and in the future.

Ditcham Park School will:

- comply with all relevant environmental legislation and codes of practice, adopting best practice where practicable.
- review and monitor our environmental footprint, developing actions that enable continuous improvement.
- reduce the consumption of water and energy by introducing resource efficient technologies and promoting conservation behaviours by the school community.
- where practicable, manage waste created by the school, through a hierarchy of reduce, re-use and recycle, before responsible disposal.
- share our environmental values to the school community - pupils, staff, parents and other stakeholders, so they may fully participate in contributing to the school's environmental goals.
- integrate sustainability into procurement policies where practicable, so we purchase goods and services from suppliers who share similar environmental values to the school.
- promote a school wide environment committee of pupils and staff that deliver progress on eco schools and communicate our environmental performance to the school community.
- manage the school's estate sustainably, where practicable, so we protect natural habitats and enhance biological diversity on our land.
- seek to integrate sustainability within the curriculum promoting the use of our grounds and buildings as learning opportunities.
- actively work with our neighbours, local communities and the SDNP to engage in local and regional environmental sustainability initiatives.

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