



Tring School

# Green Procurement Policy Statement

<b>Policy Review</b>	
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## **Scope**

The RLP is at the heart of the community delivering an inclusive education to students of all ages. Our mission is to embrace challenge and to celebrate success in all that we do by striving for every learner to reach their full potential. The culture that we have in our schools means that they each retain their distinctiveness but learn and grow together and remain collectively responsible for providing all students with exciting and inspiring opportunities.

## **Introduction**

We believe that students thrive in a happy, secure and caring environment. It is an essential part of a school ethos that the values of peace, love and caring for others should be core values that we respect and agree.

**For Church Schools in the Ridgeway Learning Partnership the following biblical narrative applies:**

*'A land that the Lord your God cares for. The eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.'* Deuteronomy 11:12

## Policy Statement

Tring School will ensure that when all products and services are purchased, we will consider environmental aspects, potential impacts and costs, associated with their life cycle. Our practice of procuring products and services will endeavour to ensure that they are less harmful to the environment (land, air and water) and that they are made with less harmful materials when produced, used or consumed. This will include, where possible, buying locally, buying recycled and recyclable, using fewer chemicals and reducing the school's carbon footprint associated with products and services.

### Paper

#### Procurement considerations

1. Paper to be based on recycled/recyclable paper or paper based on sustainably harvested virgin fibre
2. Procurement of paper that is produced through a process of low energy consumption and emissions
3. Manufacturer states 'Ecological responsibility'

### Cleaning Products

#### Procurement considerations

1. Use cleaning products that are effective at lower temperatures
2. Avoid certain hazardous substances in the product (COSHH)
3. Avoid phosphorus and limit biocides in the product
4. Follow the recommended dosages
5. Decrease the use of products through reviewing cleaning plans and techniques
6. Improve the training of cleaning staff (DCC)
7. Decrease the quantity of packaging used
8. Ensure the packaging used is made from recycled materials and can be recycled
9. Use products made in the UK

### Office equipment

#### Procurement considerations

1. Purchase energy efficient models
2. Purchase products with a restricted amount of hazardous materials and look at take back options
3. Purchase products with a restricted noise level
4. Use products designed for recycling, that have a longer life and have take back options
5. Ensure the packaging used can be recycled
6. Correctly dispose of any waste products, such as re-using or recycling

## **Lighting**

### **Procurement considerations**

1. Purchase replacement lamps that have low energy usage
2. Use lighting controls to further reduce energy consumption
3. At installation stage, ensure system works as intended, in an energy efficient way
4. Recycle appropriately all waste products

## **Transport**

### **Procurement considerations**

1. Procurement of low emission vehicles (GHG, other exhaust gases and noise)
2. Reduce fuel consumption through eco-driving or tyre pressure monitoring systems
3. Procurement of environmentally friendly tyres and regenerated lubricant oils
4. Ensure the correct collection and management of used lubricant oils and tyres

## **Furniture**

### **Procurement considerations**

1. Source locally if possible
2. Procure timber from legal and sustainably managed forests
3. Use materials made partly or totally from recycled materials and/or renewable materials
4. Avoid, as much as possible, hazardous substances in materials production and surface treatment
5. Ensure the materials and furniture packaging can be separated and recycled or the packaging materials are based on renewable raw materials
6. Procure fit-for-use, repairable and recyclable furniture

## **Electricity**

### **Procurement considerations**

1. Increase the share of electricity from renewable energy sources or biomass
2. Energy Award / Display Energy Certificate

## **Food and catering services**

### **Procurement considerations**

1. Procurement of locally produced products
2. Procurement of organic food or food coming at least partially from organic sources
3. Procurement of sustainably produced or caught aquaculture and marine products
4. Procurement of livestock products with high welfare standards
5. Procurement of seasonal products
6. Procurement in bulk or in packaging that has a high recycled content
7. Use of reusable cutlery, crockery, glassware and tablecloths

8. Use of environmentally friendly paper products
9. Full waste collection of food stuffs with staff training
10. Minimize of the use of hazardous chemicals and use environmentally friendly cleaning and dishwashing products
11. Procurement of water and energy efficient kitchen appliances

## **Gardening Services**

### **Procurement considerations**

1. Avoid the use of peat as a soil improver
2. Limit plant pesticides and use alternative pest control techniques
3. Reduce the need for watering and use (whenever possible) locally collected water (water butts) with efficient irrigation
4. Use different measures to reduce water demand such as mulching
5. Procure organically produced and native plants
6. Ensure appropriate materials are composting
7. Procure products in recycled, compostable, reusable, recyclable or biodegradable packaging
8. Act on invasive plants and animals

**Textiles** (clothing, woven materials, bags, rucksacks, school ties, carpets, curtains etc)

### **Procurement considerations**

1. Reuse materials that have been purchased (hand on or sell on school uniforms, ties, bags etc)
2. Purchase materials and textiles which have previously been used, contain recycled materials or can be reused/recycled
3. Purchase clothes or materials that contain organic cotton or other natural fibres
4. Purchase materials showing the EU organic logo or the international gold standard for organic textiles (<http://www.global-standard.org/>)
5. Purchase Fairtrade textiles