

Environmental Policy

We work within the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), published by the Department for Education (DfE) in March 2021, effective from September 2021

Links to:

Children Act 2004	Freedom of Information Act 2000
Childcare Act 2006	Health Protection Agency Act 2004
COSHH Regulations 2002	No Smoking Policy
Environment Act 1995	RIDDOR 2013
Environmental Protection Act 1990	

Merry go Round is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment. To ensure this we will:

- Minimise waste where possible – using Local Authority recycling service and re-using resources and offering parents the opportunity to recycle batteries etc
- Use natural resources efficiently and encourage staff to be energy aware – for example:
 - Switching lights off when not needed
 - Not leaving taps running
 - Keeping heating to only what is required
 - Showing the children energy awareness and encouraging practice both in nursery and at home through parent partnerships
- Identifying areas of environmental impact and helping to reduce them, for example encouraging parents to walk rather than drive to nursery
- Promote healthy environments to families and offer support and information regarding the well-being of parents and their children
- Reduce usage of paper by sending electronic correspondence where possible. All settings now use the Tapestry On line Learning Journals as an observational method, to include parent's/ carers points of view about their child's development and learning experiences within the home environment.
- Encouraging Healthy Living to children and their families by growing vegetables and inviting parents to join in activities within the nursery to promote a healthy lifestyle for all

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