

Green Procurement Policy

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JOHN T. RICE INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL GREEN PROCUREMENT POLICY

John T Rice Infant and Nursery School is committed to reducing its impact on the environment and increasing its sustainability whenever possible. The environmental impact associated with the life cycle of products and services must be taken into consideration and play a crucial role in procurement decision making.

Our Green Procurement Policy covers the following key areas:

- Paper
- Cleaning products
- Office equipment
- Lighting
- Furniture
- Energy
- Food and catering services
- Gardening products

Key aspects of our approach will include:

- Using local suppliers
- Using recycled materials
- Using recyclable materials
- Using less chemicals
- Reducing our carbon footprint

The 'Green Procurement Policy Guidance' created by Eco Schools England has been utilised in the preparation of this policy. It gives detailed information on the impacts that occur from the purchase of various products and services, the specific procurement considerations for each area and characteristics of the best option choices. This document provides a reference point to inform decision making in procurement.

New technologies and advancement in the production of good and services will require this policy and reference document to be regularly updated.

John T Rice Infant and Nursery 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 less chemicals and reducing the schools 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. Decrease the quantity of packaging used
7. Ensure the packaging used (where possible) is made from recycled materials and can be recycled
8. 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 can be recycled
6. Correct disposal 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

Furniture

Procurement considerations

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

Electricity

Procurement considerations

1. Increase the share of electricity from renewable energy sources or biomass

Food and catering services (Nottinghamshire County Council)

Procurement considerations

1. Procurement of organic food or purchase of food coming at least partially from organic sources
2. Procurement of sustainably-produced or caught aquaculture and marine products
3. Procurement of livestock products with high welfare standards
4. Procurement of seasonal products
5. Procurement in bulk or in packaging that has a high recycled content
6. Use of reusable cutlery, crockery, glassware and tablecloths
7. Use of environmentally friendly paper products
8. Full waste collection of food stuffs with staff training
9. Minimize of the use of hazardous chemicals and the use of environmentally friendly cleaning and dishwashing products
10. Procurement of water and energy efficient kitchen appliances
11. Procurement of locally produced products or UK made

Gardening Services (Town & Country Grounds)

Procurement considerations

1. Avoid the use of peat as a soil improver
2. Limit plant pesticides and use alternative pest control techniques
3. 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

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