

# ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

## Amendment History

Revision	Author	Description of change	Date
1	Karen Walls	New policy wording produced	November 2005
KASC policy	Carol Hooper	Adapted from adopted Kineton Playgroup policy	August 2006
2	CH/SM	Review only, no change required	March 2007
3	CH/SM	Merge KASC and Playgroup policies; update footer	September 2007
4	CH/SM/ Alison Foulds	General amendments	March 2009
5	CH/AF	No changes	March 2010
6	CH/AF	Change reference to Forest Schools and remove reference to litterbug	May 2011
7	CH/HS	Woodland Schools at Forest School site	October 2012
8	CH/KG	Rename Forest Schools following staff qualification	November 2014
9	CH	Reviewed, no substantive changes	November 2016
10	CH & SF	Reviewed, no substantive changes	February 2018
11	CH & SF	Reviewed, no substantive changes	January 2020
12	CH	Reviewed, no substantive changes	July 2022
13	CH, TH & XF	Reviewed, no substantive changes	July 2023

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Kineton Playgroup Ltd recognises its responsibilities to minimise the impact its operations have on the environment and seeks to achieve this through a programme of continual improvement.

Kineton Playgroup Ltd endeavours to carry out all work procedures in accordance with all relevant environmental legislation and best practice and to ensure that all employees are aware of their responsibilities to reduce their impact on the environment.

Kineton Playgroup Ltd hereby adopts this environmental policy in an effort to conserve valuable resources, improve waste minimisation, encourage the prevention of pollution and ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulations. It is committed to:

- Work continuously to improve the effectiveness of our environmental policy
- Reduce, re-use and recycle resources whenever possible and encourage those attending our setting to do likewise and make full use of paper, cardboard, plastic, steel and glass resources
- Communicate by email to reduce paper messages
- Promote energy efficiency – turning off computers and lights and office equipment when not in use and minimising use of fossil fuels by turning down or off equipment, including heating when and where possible
- Share transport, where practical, for travelling to meetings and encourage non-polluting methods of transportation such as cycling through payment of a mileage allowance
- Prevent pollution wherever possible
- Provide appropriate environmental training and educate employees to be environmentally responsible at work and at home
- Recycle all waste possible, including using a compost bin
- Conserve water supplies eg by turning off taps and using reduced flush mechanisms in all toilets
- Collect rain water for use in gardening activities
- Include recycling and environmental education as part of Playgroup and KASC activities

Kineton Playgroup Ltd also seeks to promote wider involvement in and understanding of the environment around us by all children, staff and parents through

- Education in the Environment. Kineton Playgroup has an approved Forest School site within the school grounds where Forest School sessions take place. Members of staff undertake Forest School training. Once settled at sessions, all children have the opportunity to learn at the Forest School site. Kineton Playgroup Ltd promotes the ethos of Forest School play and development.
- Gardening. Kineton Playgroup Ltd plants and harvests from its own raised beds.

- Membership of organisations promoting understanding and awareness of our environment eg, The Woodland Trust and RSPB. These links provide valuable ideas and resources for promoting good practice and environmental awareness.