**OSCAR CLUB ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

At Oscar Club we are committed to the protection of the environment. We aim to help children, parents and staff to understand the issues affecting our environment and to help our setting to be as environmentally aware as possible.

We achieve this by……

Recycling

* Our setting is aware of the recycling schemes in the local area. We try to reduce the quantity of waste sent to landfill site, as far as possible.
* We involve the children in our recycling. We ensure there are recycling bins in the children’s play areas and encourage them to dispose of paper and other materials correctly.
* We use recycled materials and paper for art work. Packaging from deliveries is used where possible in children’s play or for storage.

Outdoor play and involving children

* We encourage our children to value their existing local environment.
* We aim to help replenish our local tree stock and help children to recognise trees are important to our immediate environment. This is achieved by planting and looking after trees in our garden and by going on nature walks.
* We grow our own vegetables and use this as an exercise in understanding this is good for the environment, as chemicals are not used and this helps to reduce the impact of carbon.
* We aim to reduce our overall waste by composting our food waste and use this to fertilise our garden.

Nappies

* At our setting we recognise real nappies (washable nappies) are kinder to our environment.
* We understand parents have a choice of the type of nappies they use on their child. We support parents who wish to use washable nappies.

Energy and water efficiency

* We turn off all lights when a room is not used.
* We do not leave electrical equipment on standby.
* We encourage children to turn off taps after they have washed their hands.

Purchasing

* We ensure our children play with a variety of natural objects.

Staff awareness

* We review our environmental policy regularly in line with relevant environmental legislation.

Signed on behalf of the Voluntary Management Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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