



**Britannica International School**  
Budapest  
an Orbital Education School



# **Environmental Policy**



**Britannica International School** promotes our Values of Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Compassion throughout this policy.

## **Aims**

Our **aim** is to take responsibility towards the environment and encourage our students in understanding the importance of the effects of their actions upon the environment. We encourage and reinforce environmental education in all aspects of everyday life and the wider community. We will strive to be recognized as an **Eco-School** by fulfilling their requirements and those of other accredited bodies both domestically and internationally that focus on environmental protection and sustainability. Our goal is to prepare the students for a lifetime of sustainable living through teaching, learning and daily practices.

<https://en.unesco.org/greencitizens/stories/eco-schools-programme>

## **Education for Sustainable Development**

Environmental education is fundamental to our curriculum being included in Global Citizenship, PSHE, Global Perspectives, Geography and Science lessons and initiatives are driven by our **Student Council**. In each area of the school, sustainable development is part of the students' study and inquiry processes. Staff are encouraged to foster positive attitudes about sustainable issues and develop awareness and critical thinking skills in our students. All teachers and students are involved in the school's environmental events that take place throughout the year. We have regular events internally and recycling projects to raise awareness of sustainable developments.

## **Organisation and Approach**

Our school along with external organisations such as Eco-Schools and World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature <https://www.worldwildlife.org/> educate and promote the environment through whole school events such as assemblies, appeals for charities and guest speakers.

Our Eco clubs and student councils will work collaboratively each year to:

- Schedule meetings
- Complete an Environmental Review (ER)
- Create an Action Plan based on ER results.
- Monitor and Evaluate the school's sustainability and environmental decision making.
- Work alongside outside organisations and the community
- Communicate and share our goals and achievements with the entire school community.

The way in which we will strive towards our goals include the following:

## **Reusable Water Bottles**



- Encourage all students to bring in a reusable water bottle to school.

### **Waste Management (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)**

- Every class/room has paper and plastic recycling bins where students (monitors) are responsible for emptying them into the recycling bins located throughout the school on a weekly basis.
- The recycling bins located outside are collected and monitored by the Student Council
- To reduce paper usage, we will endeavour to promote and create signs to encourage everyone to:
  - Photocopy double sided
  - Use cloud storage and online file sharing when possible.
  - Use the parent portal to share reports and other forms of information.
  - Reuse scrap paper and envelopes.
  - Use email to communicate with parents.

### **Energy Management**

- Monitor and record energy use on a monthly basis.
- Keep all classrooms/offices AC's off when rooms are not used.
- All staff/ students to switch off lights and interactive boards when classrooms are not in use.
- All computers in the school are shut down at the end of the day.
- Utilise energy suppliers that source their energy from renewable sources.

### **Produce**

- The school to buy environmentally friendly products e.g. sourcing produce for lunches and snacks locally (reducing food miles) or from ethical fair-trade suppliers.
- Sourcing products for school use from suppliers that utilise recycled material or sustainable sourced materials in the production of the items purchased.

### **Transport**

Educate our students, staff and parents to minimise fuel consumption during travel to and from school.

Encourage students/families to walk, cycle or public transport to travel to school.

### **School Grounds**

We are improving the school environment through:

- Creating recycling centres throughout the school
- Creating Eco gardens for students to learn and maintain, through planting trees and flowers throughout the year.



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## **Review and Evaluation**

The Student Council and Eco Club Members will review this policy every two years. Any recommendations for change will be presented to the Heads of School.

**Due for Review:**

08/11/25

**PREPARED BY:**

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