

Sustainability Lead Climate Action Plan

Vision and Aims

Vision

Chevening School Nursery will create a nurturing and educational environment that fosters a deep appreciation for the natural world and promotes responsible practices for a sustainable future.

Aims

- Embed sustainability into the curriculum and our daily routines. Empower children to become environmentally conscious.
- Reduce the setting's environmental impact through sustainable operations
- Collaborate with families and the wider community to promote sustainable practices

We assess annually the setting's environmental impact and progress.

Curriculum and learning:

- **Connecting with Nature**

At Chevening School Nursery we provide regular opportunities for outdoor exploration, including nature walks, gardening and observation of flora and fauna.

We use natural materials like wood, stone, sand and leaves for play and learning.

We incorporate nature based themes and stories into our learning activities on a daily basis

We have planted flowers and created insect houses in our garden to encourage biodiversity.

- **Environmental Literacy**

We help children to understand the interdependence between humans and the environment.

We engage our children in discussions about environmental issues such as waste reduction and pollution using stories and songs.

We use age-appropriate books and resources to introduce sustainability concepts.

- **Practical Sustainability**

Chevening School Nursery children are involved in recycling and composting activities daily.

We encourage water conservation through simple actions like turning taps off.

We teach children about food cycles by growing, harvesting and preparing some of our own produce when possible.

- **Sustainable operations**

We follow Sevenoaks District Council's guidelines on recycling and reduce waste by reusing materials for crafts and play.

We encourage parents to use reusable bags and containers for lunch boxes.

A composting system for food waste is in place.

We share our sustainability initiatives through our newsletter and involve parents in sustainability activities like growing vegetables.

- **Energy efficiency**

We use energy saving light bulbs and appliances where possible.

Lights are turned off and equipment when not in use or stand by.

We optimise heating and cooling systems to minimise our energy consumption

We encourage efficient water use by staff and children

We collect rainwater for outdoor use to water our plants and for our mud kitchen.

Regular checks are in place to prevent water wastage.

- **Procurement and resources**

We purchase second hand resources where possible and source local produce for snacks to reduce food miles when possible.

Chevening School Nursery encourages the use of eco-friendly and non-toxic cleaning products where possible.

- **Travel**

Chevening School Nursery promotes active travel options like walking and cycling for staff and families to get to the nursery.

We hope through implementation of these measures our early years setting has created a vibrant and engaging environment where children learn to respect, appreciate, and protect the natural world while also reducing its own environmental impact and contributing to a more sustainable future for all.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Nursery Management Committee in September 2025.

It is reviewed annually/amended accordingly/when necessary

Signed on behalf of Chevening School Nursery

Date