

NEW COLLEGE Environmental Policy S T A T E M E N T

New College is committed to sustaining 'our' environment by minimising the harmful effects of its operations by means of a programme of continuous improvement. We recognise a duty of care towards the environment, especially in how it is affected by the activities of our staff and students.



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Our Senior Management Team will undertake to ensure that we have an environmentally sound college.

In particular we will:

- Seek to reduce our consumption of materials, re-use where possible and promote recycling and the use of recycled materials.
- Seek to dispose of materials in an environmentally sensitive manner.
- Promote and manage energy and water efficiency in all our operations and incorporate effective energy and water efficiency measures throughout.
- Influence our major suppliers to minimise the negative impact of their operations on the environment.
- Develop an environmentally responsible transport policy in accord with Swindon Borough Council Sustainable Travel Plans and work pro-actively with them to progress environmental initiatives and exchange best practice.
- Ensure staff and students have the opportunity to shape/influence New College's environmental programme by seeking their views throughout and having a standing item on the College Health and Safety meeting.
- Ensure staff receive appropriate environmental awareness training.
- Update staff and students on developments.
- Encourage a responsible attitude to smoking.

Implementation

Purchasing

- *Examine current purchasing and introduce environmental criteria to guide the procurement of goods, equipment and services, ensuring that these requirements are reflected in all standard contract conditions.*
- *Research and, where possible, engage environmentally-friendly alternatives to existing supplies.*
- *Encourage the use of recycled paper.*
- *Encourage the purchase and consumption of organic catering supplies.*

Recycling

- *Encourage recycling by providing a means of collecting waste products which can be recycled eg drinks cans, plastic bottles, cardboard, paper, shrink-wrap plastic, aluminium foil, books.*

Energy and Consumables

- *Conserve energy (heat and light) in the college.*
- *Monitor consumption in key areas periodically, including use of electricity, gas, paper and other consumables.*
- *Improve the appearance of the College and provide improved means of litter and other non-recyclable waste disposal.*
- *Identify and, where possible, establish re-use of consumables such as inkjet cartridges and toners.*

Waste Management

- *Employ materials and equipment, and develop practices and procedures which minimise harm to the environment. Dispose appropriately of redundant computers, VDUs and other electronic equipment, glass lamps, refrigerators, batteries, secure/confidential disposal.*

Catering & Cleaning

- *Evaluate the facilities and practices within catering and cleaning to ensure they contribute to the college policy of environmental responsibility and healthy/functional foods.*
- *Review feasibility of composting biodegradable kitchen waste*
- *Explore the prospects of providing organic and functional food in the college refectories.*
- *Encourage the use of biodegradable cleaning materials.*

Transport

- *Encourage alternative, environmentally-responsible means of transport, including walking, providing more facilities for the safe parking of cycles, free electric cycle recharge points, shower/changing facilities, and reviewing public transport access and service frequency.*

Smoking

- *Police and enforce the College no-smoking-on-site policy.*
- *Review and promote support available to those wishing to stop smoking.*
- *Take action on tidiness where people congregate and smoke in groups, in order to keep a good appearance around the college.*