All Silver Stars Day Nursery policies will be subject to any future change according to Government legislation and guidelines to maintain the safety of all children, families, staff and visitors.

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Environmental Sustainability Policy

Policy statement

At Silver Stars Day Nursery, we are committed to supporting children to develop respect and care for the living and non-living environment. We aim to foster positive attitudes and values about sustainable practices by exploring environmental solutions, learning about the world, and observing adults model sustainable behaviours.

Aims

- Encourage children to explore nature and develop a connection with the natural environment.
- Promote understanding of environmental sustainability and the interdependence between people and the environment.
- Integrate sustainability practices into nursery operations, curriculum, and daily routines.
- Engage parents and the wider community in supporting sustainable practices.

Curriculum and Learning

We promote a holistic, play-based curriculum with sustainability at its core:

- Exploring nature through art, play, and sensory experiences.
- Using natural and recycled materials such as wood, stone, sand, and craft recyclables.
- Growing, nurturing, and harvesting plants in the nursery garden and learning about the food cycle.
- Learning about water conservation, energy efficiency, and waste reduction through adult-led activities and interactions.
- Going on nature walks to identify local plants and wildlife.
- Encouraging active travel (e.g., walking to nursery) to reduce carbon footprint.

- Developing a recycling area and encouraging children to adopt recycling habits at home.
- Integrating environmental themes (recycling, climate care, nature) into EYFS topics.
- Taking part in national eco-days such as Earth Day and Recycle Week.
- Sharing sustainability tips and updates with families.

Sustainability in Nursery Operations

We embed sustainable practices across all aspects of the nursery:

- Recycling materials for art and craft, encouraging parents to contribute recyclables.
- Ensuring parents recycle children's take-home recycled models if not kept.
- Considering carbon footprint when purchasing materials.
- Turning off equipment and lights when not in use, using energy-saving bulbs, and unplugging devices daily.
- Avoiding leaving equipment on standby.
- Composting food waste.
- Using water-efficient strategies, such as fixing leaks, turning taps off, and reusing water from play activities for plants.
- Using nursery-grown food in meals whenever possible.

Encouraging Responsible Behaviour in Children

- Children are taught not to waste or play with food.
- Activities involving food focus on preparing, tasting, and exploring different foods rather than using food as play material.

Monitoring and Review

- The nursery management team conducts a termly audit to assess environmental impact, measure progress, and identify improvements.
- This policy is reviewed annually and revised as necessary in the best interests of the children, nursery, and environment.

Partnership with Families

- We work closely with parents and partners to promote sustainable habits at home and in the wider community.
- Encouraging children and families to adopt eco-friendly practices ensures a better environment for future generations.

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