



Saint Peter's Primary School



Eco Schools Policy

Introduction

Saint Peter's Primary school and ELCC are passionate about engaging in environmental education and action. We do this by providing activities to empower and motivate pupils to drive change and improve environmental awareness in their school, homes, and local communities. In June 2025, we gained our seventh *Eco Schools Scotland* green flag by completing the seven-step framework. This accreditation recognises, rewards and celebrates the environmental achievements of the children in our school.

Our School Values

Our school's vision and values were reviewed recently as part of a consultation with pupils, staff, parents and carers. Our school's values are respect, kindness, honesty, fairness and responsibility. We strive to teach respect for both the environment and for the possessions of others through the curriculum and ethos of the school.

Aims

This policy exists to provide a framework for supporting the *Eco Schools Scotland* Action Plan. We will do this by;

- Following the Eco Schools Scotland seven steps framework.
- Developing litter free attitudes within our school grounds, homes and whole school community.
- Supporting the code of conduct and by following the school's *Eco Code*, created by our children.
- Working with Renfrewshire's 'Team Up to Clean Up' by participating in regular litter picks in our school and local areas. We plan to do a community litter pick once each term.
- Using recycling bins whenever possible and minimising food waste in the dinner hall.
- Assisting the school janitor in maintaining a clean school environment.
- Promoting walking and cycling to school to reduce our carbon footprint.
- Improving areas within our schools grounds.
- Focusing on outdoor learning within the Curriculum for Excellence.

Seven Step Framework

1. Eco Committee

Each year, children nominate someone from their class to be their Eco Representative. With the support of our Eco-Coordinator (Mrs C Maclean), the representatives are responsible for running the Eco Schools Scotland programme within the school. They will meet monthly to discuss the next steps for our school.

2. Environmental Review

The first task that the Eco Committee are asked to do is the whole school Environmental Review. This set of questions have been designed to help the committee to understand what environmental work our school is already doing and what needs to be developed.

3. Action Plan

Our Eco-Coordinator (Mrs Maclean) will complete the school's Action Plan. This is a working document which will help our committee to plan and manage Eco tasks and activities for the next 3 years.

4. Curriculum Links

Once our Action Plan has been completed, we will incorporate environmental education in a variety of different curriculum areas. This will ensure that all classes and the nursery are focusing on environmental education. Some activities will be planned for the whole school. These include 'Team Up to Clean Up' community litter pick, 'Sustainable Picnic' in the dinner hall, 'WOW Travel Tracker' for monitoring transport. We also have 'Junior Road Safety Officers' in each class and nursery. As a school will participate in 'The Big Pedal', 'Bike to School Week' and 'Walk to School Week' once a year.

5. Informing and Involving

Our whole school and nursery will engage in wider community projects such as 'Team Up to Clean Up' litter picking, 'Sustrans - The Big Pedal', 'Walk to School Week' and 'Bike to School Week'. We will do this each year. We will involve the whole school in our Eco action plan. We encourage all pupils to engage in active outdoor learning experiences using our natural surroundings. We aim to link most activities to outdoor learning and focus on this at least once a fortnight.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Eco-Committee with help to assess the impact of the topic work in our action plan. We will address what worked well and what still required adapting. This will inform our next steps for the new Action Plan.

7. Eco – Code

Our whole school will have an opportunity to create a new Eco-Code. This is a whole school promise to protect the planet and it will reflect the topic work that has been completed as part of the Action Plan. Below is our school's Eco Code, created by Primary 7a.

Everyone working together.

Collecting litter and keeping St. Peter's tidy.

Offering help to save our planet.

Caring for the environment.

Opportunities to improve our playground.

Doing our bit to save energy.

Encouraging each other to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Policy Review and Development

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years as a minimum in line with national guidance. It is next due for review in 2028.