



# **SUSTAINABLE PROMOTING / ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Responsible:	Director
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## **Introduction**

At Kingfisher Education Summer Schools, we understand the importance of environmental sustainability and are dedicated to reducing our ecological footprint. Every member of the Kingfisher

Education community shares the responsibility to engage in both individual and collective efforts for a sustainable future.

This policy details our commitment to promoting sustainability and ensuring that our operations are environmentally responsible.

## **Policy Objectives**

- **Reduce Environmental Impact:** Minimise waste, conserve resources and reduce our carbon footprint (maximising efficiency)
- **Promote Sustainability:** Encourage sustainable practices among staff, students, and partners, including:
  1. Improved water and energy efficiency
  2. Reduce carbon dioxide emissions by improving the efficiency of transport
  3. Reduce and, where possible, eliminate the use of environmentally damaging substances and processes.
  4. Reuse and recycle
  5. Raise environmental awareness in our community by initiating meaningful conversations

**Continuous Improvement:** We are committed to regularly reviewing, refining and enhancing our sustainability practices, ensuring that we continue to strive for the best environmental outcomes.

## **Key Commitments**

### **• Beginning the conversation by working collaboratively (community engagement):**

Since 2022, we have joined the conversation of promoting sustainability amongst summer schools – by attending meetings with Green Action ELT and beginning the conversation of creating a new accreditation scheme (<https://green-action-elt.uk/> )

o For 2025, we aim to make a formal pledge and join an accreditation scheme

o Within English lessons, students may discuss environmental topics as part of their project lessons

## **Waste reduction:**

- Promoting recycling across our centre
- Promoting sensible purchases and thinking more or reusing items

- Reduce paper use for Check-in procedure
- Lanyards/Wristbands are collected back in and reused for other students

#### **Green Spaces:**

- Maintain and enhance green spaces on the school (host) green spaces by allowing them to rest and thrive (I.E. move football pitches etc)

#### **Water/Energy Efficiency and conservation:**

- Students and staff are reminded to turn lights and taps off after use

#### **Sustainable procurement:**

- Where possible, we try to source products from reputable environmentally friendly suppliers (ie. Products made from recycled materials)

#### **Sustainable transport:**

- To avoid excessive emissions, Kingfisher Education Transport team aims to implement shuttle services and group students for transfers to minimise the carbon footprint.
- Promote the use of public transport

#### **Implementation and Monitoring:**

- Ross Elliott is the appointed Sustainability Coordinator to oversee this policy.
- Regular conversations to identify areas for improvement

#### **Conclusion**

Kingfisher Education is dedicated to promoting sustainability for future generations. The policy aims to instil a culture of environmental responsibility within the community, encouraging staff, students, and partners to contribute to a greener future.

### **Review and Update**

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure it remains relevant and effective.