

Country Days

Environmental Policy



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One of the principles of Country Days is to promote environmental awareness and encourage sustainability. The children are taught about respect and responsibility for the world around them. Both the children and adults are encouraged to respect their environment and to be aware of conservation issues of the wild area around them.

Encouraging children to care for the environment is an essential part of Country Days courses. In order to encourage the children to look after the site we will always leave it tidy and never damage anything growing in it. We will only collect things that are on the ground and leave the area as we found it when we leave.

Country days is keen to operate in an environmentally efficient way and to avoid unnecessary waste of the world's resources.

Country Days practices the principles of the 3R's

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Country days environmental policy covers all aspects of our operation both internal activity and where possible extends to our dealings with external suppliers and providers.

All staff must have access to this environmental policy through the policy folder. All staff are encouraged to apply our policies at all times and to bring forward suggestions to further actions that might be taken in the spirit of building on this policy.

All Country days policies will form part of the induction of new staff, volunteers and trustees and where possible and relevant brought to the attention of everyone associated with the organisation particularly the young people attending the programmes.

Reduce

Country Days promote a policy of waste reduction – across all the resources of the organisation.

- Keep purchases to a minimum
- Travel – Country days will encourage the use of public transport or car sharing, bicycle or walking to activities and avoid unnecessary travel.
- Keep as much internal communication as possible electronic and avoid unnecessary printing, postage and duplication of documents.
- Ensure printing and copying of documents is carried out efficiently and use double sided where appropriate.
- Avoid the use of disposable cups, food packaging etc.

Reuse

Country days will endeavour to reuse resources and assets wherever possible and look to find a second life for items no longer suitable for the organisation.

- Scrap paper will be used for internal printing or photocopying, notes taking and messages etc.
- Envelopes and packaging to be reused where possible
- Shredded paper waste to be used for packaging material if the occasion arises

Recycle

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The Environmental policy will be subject to an annual review to coincide with the review of all other