Energy, Waste & Recycling Policy

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1. Rationale

1.1 Our overall aim is to promote energy efficiency and recycling across the school encouraging students and staff to make these activities an everyday norm.

1.2 We intend to impress upon all stakeholders the environmental benefits of energy saving and recycling and purchase energy efficient equipment when buying new.

2. Procedures

2.1 The school operates mixed recycling of paper, card, plastic bottles and cans. There are 52 external mixed recycling containers and 100 internal ones for staff and students to use. Waste collections from four 1100 litre containers are made twice weekly via our waste contractor.

2.2 Additionally, the school has two paper and card recycling points. These are provided free of charge by Smurfitt Kappa, and are emptied fortnightly.

2.3 There is a charity clothing collection point located in the staff room for staff to use.

2.4 Recycling also encompasses a rainwater harvesting system in the Gandhi building. The harvested rainwater is used to feed the toilet system within Gandhi building.

2.5 Cartridge and toner recycling is encouraged by the IT Technicians with arrangements made for used cartridges/toners to be collected and returned to the supplier for recycling. Wherever possible, re-manufactured cartridges will be purchased.

2.6 Redundant IT equipment is recycled via a certified third party. All hard drives are removed and re-used or destroyed within school.

2.7 Desktop computers and monitors are shut down automatically at night and during holidays to save electricity consumption.

2.8 Staff are encouraged to switch off lights and equipment when not in use.

2.9 The cleaning and catering contractor delivers training to their staff and encourages recycling with their areas of work within the school.

2.10 Our gas and electricity meters are fitted with AMRs (automatic meter readers). These report back daily usage data to a company named STARK. Light hall caretaking staff regularly monitor these reports looking for trends and any out-of-hours abnormal consumption. SMBC provide annual benchmarking data showing Light Hall against other Solihull schools.

2.11 Water leaks are reported immediately and water usage is monitored on a quarterly basis.

3.0 Monitoring

3.1 The Facilities Director monitors the waste contract and will review the strategy at the next contract renewal.

3.2 ICT Technicians will monitor the effectiveness of IT recycling.

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