

Eco-Schools Infant Environmental Review

This review has been designed as a way for infant pupils to find out what is happening in their school to help the environment and provide ideas that they could carry out to make their school more Eco-Friendly.

The review can be used on its own or alongside the more in-depth general review document, which may be useful for the adults on the committee. You don't need to have a smile for everything; it is just a way to help you with some ideas.

The committee should then use the results to choose some actions to focus on for the year, putting these into an action plan. Remember to think about how you will be able to tell if you are making a difference.

Date completed: _____

Completed by: _____

Key:



*Pupils can find the answers themselves by looking carefully around the school.
Pupils may need to ask an adult to find the answers to some of these questions.*























A little bit more investigation is required, maybe a survey or asking questions to other pupils.



This is a way of measuring the impact that you are having on the environment so you can show how much you are improving. This is an important part of being an Eco-School.

Litter









<p>Can you find litter on the floor inside the school?</p>  	<p>No</p> 	<p>Yes</p> 
<p>Can you find litter on the ground outside the school?</p>  	<p>No</p> 	<p>Yes</p> 
<p>At playtime, do all the children put their litter in the bin?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Are any of the bins too full?</p>  	<p>No</p> 	<p>Yes</p> 
<p>Do you all know why it is bad to drop litter?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

What we could do to have less litter?


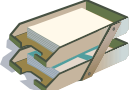
















Waste

Reduce












<p>Do most children bring their lunch in containers that they can use again?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do the teachers photocopy on both sides of the paper when they can?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

Reuse

<p>Do you all use both sides of the paper before it goes in the recycling bin? (maybe you have a scrap paper tray)</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you use recycled toilet paper and recycled paper towels in the school?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you reuse old cereal boxes and packets to make junk models in the classroom?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you have a swap shop or jumble sale for school uniform, games, DVDs or books?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

Recycle

Which of these things do you recycle?


















Batteries 	Cans 	Plastic 	Clothes 	Paper 	Cardboard 
Phones 	Stamps 	Glasses 	Cooked food 	Ink Cartridges 	


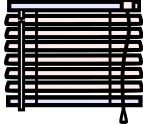



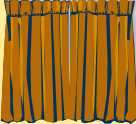






<p>Do the recycling bins always have the right things in them?</p>  	Yes 	No 
<p>Does everyone in the school recycle everything that they can?</p>  	Yes 	No 
<p>Do you have a compost bin that you use?</p>  	Yes 	No 
<p>Do the people who cook the dinners put fruit and vegetable waste in the compost bin?</p>  	Yes 	No 
<p>Do you know what happens to the things that you send to be recycled?</p>  	Yes 	No 
<p>Do you know what happens to the things you put in the rubbish bin?</p>  	Yes 	No 

What we could do to have less waste?



Energy

























<p>Are the lights always turned off when the classroom is empty?</p>   	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>If you are in the classroom and it is sunny, do the lights get turned off?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Are the computer screens always turned off when they are not being used?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you check all the classrooms to make sure the lights and computers have been turned off at lunch time or break time?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

<p>Do the windows have curtains or blinds to keep the heat in at night?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Does someone always close the curtains or blinds at the end of the day?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you make sure that the doors and windows are closed when the heating is on?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

What we could do to save more energy



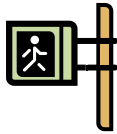

























Water

<p>Are there any dripping taps around the school?</p>  	<p>No</p> 	<p>Yes</p> 
<p>Do any of the children leave the taps running?</p>  	<p>No</p> 	<p>Yes</p> 
<p>Do you have anything in the toilet to save water when you flush? (a hippo bag or plastic bottle filled with water)</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you have a big container (water butt) outside to collect the rain water?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>If you have water bottles, do all the children only fill them with as much as they need?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you know why it is important to save water and how it helps our planet?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

What do we need to do to save more water?








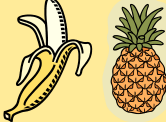


















Transport

<p>Is it safe to walk or cycle to school?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you count how many people walk or cycle to school?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you have a walking bus or special days when lots of people walk to school?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Are there lots of cars parked in front of the school at the start and end of the day?</p>  	<p>No</p> 	<p>Yes</p> 
<p>Do you count how many adults share a car to school?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>If children are collected in cars, do the drivers turn their engine off when waiting?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do all the children know how to cross the road safely?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

What could we do to help more people to walk or cycle to school?








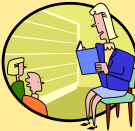


















Healthy Living

<p>Do you have fruit every day at break time?</p> 		<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do children who have packed lunch bring 2 pieces of fruit or vegetables?</p> 		<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Can you have salad with your school dinner?</p> 		<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Can you have water to drink when you are in the classroom?</p> 		<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do children grow any fruit or vegetables in the school and then cook and eat them?</p> 		<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you do some running, jumping or dancing with your teacher or class every day?</p> 		<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

What can we do to be healthier in school?



Global Citizenship










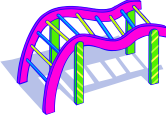










<p>Do you have any clothes that children in other countries wear to dress up in?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you listen to stories about children, animals or people from different countries?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you ever eat food in school that people in other countries eat?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you know what this symbol means?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do the teachers drink Fairtrade tea and coffee?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you ever help to look after places outside the school?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

What else could we do to help our world?















School Grounds

School Grounds for pupils

<p>Are there games painted on the playground?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do the walls around the outside of the school look bright and colourful?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Are there things to balance, climb and play on in the playground?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Is there a friendship stop or a buddy bench in the playground?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you grow your own fruit and vegetables in the school grounds?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

School Grounds for wildlife

<p>Do you have trees and hedges in your school grounds?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you have a pond/marshy area in your grounds?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 
<p>Do you have somewhere that wild flowers and grasses grow in the school grounds (a meadow)?</p>  	<p>Yes</p> 	<p>No</p> 

Which of these animal homes do you have in school?

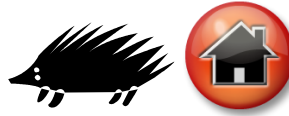
Log pile



Stone pile



Hedgehog house



Wild areas



Butterfly bushes



Smelly flowers/herbs



Minibeast hotel



Which of these things do you have for birds in your school?

Bird boxes



Bird feeders



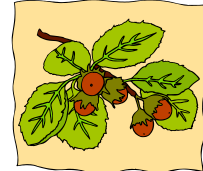
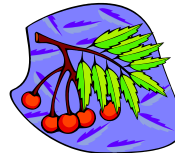
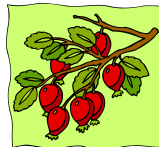
Bird bath



Perching post



Shrubs and trees with berries or nuts



Do you draw, write down or photograph the different plants and animals that you find in the school?



Yes



No



Do you look after all the places where wildlife lives?



Yes



No



What could we do to make our school grounds better for us and wildlife?

