

STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

WHOLE SCHOOL POLICY

ENVIRONMENT AND TRAVEL

(Approved by Governors 07.10.08)

Stockport Grammar School is committed to long term sustainability and to achieving a high standard of environmental awareness amongst its pupils and staff.

The School is committed to maximise recycling and to minimise the use of non renewable and environmentally damaging resources although this effort must be limited by the economic constraints of the school as a charity.

The School is committed not only to meeting all relevant regulatory and legislative requirements but also to seeking continuous improvement in environmental performance by taking account of evolving practice, knowledge and community expectations.

Stockport Grammar School will endeavour to;

- Minimise any disturbances to the local and global environment and to the quality of life of the local communities and to be a good neighbour and responsible member of society.
- Comply fully with all statutory regulations which relate to the school and its sites
- Maintain the school's premises to high standards
- Manage waste generated according to the principles of reduction, reuse and recycling
- Assess in advance where possible the environmental effects of any new developments and consider sustainability when making alterations to the School's site.
- Ensure environmental considerations are taken into account in the procurement of goods and services
- Provide the information necessary to allow the school to use products properly, store and dispose of them so as to avoid unacceptable effects on people or the environment.

The school will be active in promoting environmental issues to pupils through the curriculum and will encourage regular review by the School Council and SMT.

Waste management

All staff and pupils are encouraged to recycle items wherever possible.

All staff and pupils are asked not to print documents or websites unless it is absolutely necessary.

The School will move to use email as the preferred form of communication wherever possible.

All staff and pupils are encouraged to take personal responsibility for energy usage and to ensure that all electrical equipment and lights are switched off whenever they are not being used.

The School will continue to invest to make efficient use of all energy on the site and consider all options to minimise the carbon footprint of the site.

Travel and Transport

The school recognises that pupils and staff may travel from a wide area which may not always be served by adequate public transport services that meet their individual needs, The school works closely with a number of commercial bus operators to ensure that there are sustainable bus routes available to pupils and we ask parents to consider carefully whether they can make use of these or public transport services to minimise the vehicular traffic that comes to the school.

The School will continue to work with the relevant Local Authorities to develop and implement Green Travel Plan initiatives.

The school encourages all pupils and staff to

1. Use public transport wherever possible.
2. Consider opportunities for cycling or walking to and from school.
3. Make use of car share schemes.
4. Be considerate in their use of private transport towards our neighbours in the community.

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