

Climate and Sustainability Aims

At Wyke CCC, we aim to make sustainability part of everyday life, helping children develop a lasting curiosity about nature while reducing the environmental impact of our centre. Through practical experiences and responsible management of our setting, we will work towards our goal of achieving net zero by 2040.

Our aims are to:

- 1. Inspire children to care for the natural world**
Give every child opportunities to explore nature, observe seasonal changes and discover plant and animal life cycles through everyday play and learning.
- 2. Protect and improve biodiversity**
Develop a wildlife garden with wildflowers, shrubs and habitats for bees, butterflies and other wildlife, helping to restore biodiversity around the centre.
- 3. Extend outdoor learning opportunities**
Continue developing Forest School and age-appropriate outdoor experiences across the setting, supporting children's confidence, wellbeing, teamwork and problem-solving skills.
- 4. Help children understand where food comes from**
Involve children in planting, watering and harvesting fruit, vegetables and herbs, encouraging responsibility, healthy eating and a willingness to try new foods.
- 5. Reduce waste and make better use of resources**
Introduce clear recycling arrangements and a consistent waste management plan, helping staff and children develop responsible habits and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.
- 6. Embed composting in everyday learning**
Enable all rooms to contribute to composting and use the finished compost in our planters, helping children understand how food and plant waste can support new growth.
- 7. Reduce energy use and carbon emissions**
Work towards net zero by 2040 through energy audits, more efficient lighting, improved heating controls and insulation, alongside exploring solar panels and suitable funding opportunities.

8. Build shared responsibility and review progress

Support staff to model sustainable practices, give children meaningful ways to participate and regularly review our activities, resource use and environmental improvements.

9. Make sustainable and responsible purchasing decisions

Ensure procurement decisions balance sustainability, quality and value for money. Where practical, we will consider the environmental impact, durability, lifespan and whole-life cost of products and services rather than simply choosing the lowest initial price. We will aim to reduce unnecessary purchasing, reuse and repair existing resources where appropriate, source locally where this provides good value, and consider suppliers that demonstrate responsible environmental practices. This will help us use the centre's funds carefully while reducing waste and supporting our wider sustainability goals.