

Policy applies from	Sustainability
EYFS to Sixth Form	
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Clifton High School is committed to child protection and safeguarding children and young people and expects all staff, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.

Clifton High School promotes a positive outlook to challenging, preventing and solving sustainability issues and expects all staff, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.

All staff involved in the Clifton High School community will work to create a foundation that empowers pupils to realise their goals for driving positive change. The Senior Leadership recognise that its pupils may experience a feeling of powerlessness in the face of looming social and environmental challenges; therefore, every pupil will be actively supported to overcome mindset hurdles and be guided on where they want to have an impact, and turn passion into action.

## **Related Documents**

Behaviour Policy Mental Health Policy

## Overview

- Clifton High School is motivated to be more sustainable and the Eco Committee strives to support the whole community to ensure effective change
- The Eco Committee is made up of senior pupils and staff, who are elected to their positions, and they meet for an hour every week
- Staff will be supported to incorporate sustainability in their educational content and make use of the curriculum links supplied to them
- The Eco Committee will look at the latest scientific research, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and discuss coverage in the media, such as 'Our Planet' and 'Climate Change - The Facts', to shape our strategy and targets
- The aim is to dramatically increase the sustainability of the Clifton High School community, with respect to climate change, the natural world and its resources, for generations to come
- Through discussion and research, the Eco Committee have suggested guidelines to follow in their working documents
- All programmes of work relating to sustainability will be twinned with work to improve mental health around the more difficult topics for young people to discuss
- The Eco Committee create an action plan of short, medium and long-term goals for the school to focus on each year, as a minimum. The student 'Eco-Leader' will take the lead on all projects and each project should be student-led.
- We strive to maintain our Green Flag status and act as a beacon school in Bristol and beyond

## Development of the approach

- Support the school community to engage with this policy and embed the Eco Committees action plan into all curricular and extra-curricular activity, across all year groups
- Take advice from sustainability consultants
- Develop sustainability proposals to put to Senior Leadership including biodiversity, food, transport, energy and waste
- Find creative ways to engage with pupils, teachers, parents and contractors about the areas that are most pressing to them
- Periodically assess the needs, views and concerns in our school community around environmental issues
- Ensure that the most active participants in Eco-Committee from Years 1-13, also take part in the Avon Eco Network