



SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

As Grey Court School strives to better the futures of its students for further education and employment, it values the importance of the future of the planet; it is why significant measures are being implemented in order to be more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Cutting down waste is one of the biggest ways in which individuals and organisations can reduce their environmental impact. Due to this, Grey Court School will see ambitious additions to the current recycling scheme with cardboard, plastics, glass, food waste, pens, metal cans, paper, tin foil and even crisp packets to all have allocated recycling disposal areas within the school.

While the responsible disposal of waste is of extreme importance, removing the production of waste in the first place holds even higher value. We are all aware of the negative impacts plastics are having on the planet. Along with providing areas in which to recycle plastics, the addition of a further two working water fountains within the school will combat the need to buy single use water bottles.

From beverages to food, Grey Court School looks to be more sustainable. Exploring the option that all fish served on the popular “fish and chip Friday” is sustainably sourced, will help to ensure fish stocks for years to come. What about dessert? The British brand “Jude’s ice cream” has a range of delicious ice creams but, importantly for us, it is carbon negative (taking out more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than it emits). We will look to either introduce this as an item to buy at the school or to give out as an occasional treat throughout the year.

Being environmentally friendly and sustainable is important for the world: climate change, mass pollution and global fish stock insecurity are all major threats that we can help against as a school. Yet, we also want to be looking after the local environment, it's why bird boxes, bat boxes and bug hotels will soon be put up around the school site in order to boost biodiversity. Furthermore, the addition of plants like bamboo (an incredible plant in its ability to take out CO₂ from the atmosphere) will also be planted in pots. With the additional benefit of it being an evergreen providing greenery throughout the year.

From providing greenery, to being green for the planet, it doesn't always require large amounts of money or effort in order to be more environmentally friendly, Grey Court School is taking measures to help the planet and the wildlife around it but will always be striving for new ways in which to adapt and change to better the world.