



## Environmental Policy

This document consists of Kids Kabin's statement of Environmental Policy and guidelines on practice in the following areas:

- Recycling Materials
- Energy Use
- Water Use
- Transport
- Activity Materials and Equipment
- Office Materials
- Suppliers
- Biodiversity

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Kids Kabin has a commitment to assessing its impact on the environment in all aspects of its work. Kids Kabin is committed to reducing its impact wherever possible. Where possible we will take the following approach to the use of material and resources:

<b>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle</b> (in that order)	
<b>Reduce</b>	minimise use of materials and resources
<b>Reuse</b>	reuse all possible materials and take good care of equipment to maximise its lifespan
<b>Recycle</b>	when objects are no longer reusable, they will be recycled

### **Annual Audit**

Each year staff, volunteers and children and young people will audit our practice in the following areas:

- Recycling
- Electricity and gas use
- Water use
- Transport
- Activity materials and equipment
- Office materials
- Biodiversity

This will lead to the development of an action plan which will inform future guidelines and practice.

### **Current guidelines**

#### **Recycling**

- Staff and children and young people are encouraged to recycle paper, newspaper, tins, and plastic and glass bottles.
- Other users of the building are encouraged to use the same recycling facilities.
- Recycling bins are located in the art room, the kitchen and the offices.

#### **Electricity and gas use**

- Staff and children and young people are encouraged to turn off lights, electrical equipment when not in use.
- We ensure that the kiln is fully loaded before firing.
- Doors and windows are kept closed when the heating is on.

#### **Water use**

- Staff and children and young people are encouraged to run taps at slower flow rates.
- Staff and children and young people are encouraged to switch taps off when possible during washing.
- Staff and children and young people are encouraged to use cold water to wash where possible.

**Transport**

- Staff and volunteers will be encouraged to cycle to work and between satellite centres and other work locations whenever possible.

**Activity materials and equipment**

- Staff and children and young people will be encouraged to use materials carefully.
- Clay will be recycled wherever possible.
- Wood will be recycled and reused.
- Paper will be used on both sides wherever possible.
- Paint will be distributed by adults (as well as other high value/easy to waste materials).

**Office materials**

- Staff and children and young people will be encouraged to use materials carefully.
- Paper will be used on both sides wherever possible.
- Rough paper will be used wherever possible.

**Biodiversity**

- Staff and children and young people will be introduced to biodiversity through both the Kids Kabin garden and the trips and outings.
- Projects and activities will be developed to complement these opportunities – e.g. making insect/bird boxes, minibeast searches etc.