



Environmental Sustainability Policy

Purpose

To ensure Tyggwhistle Wood meets the following environmental aims:

- The wood matures and flourishes;
- The wood retains its harmonious relationship with nature;
- The wood contributes to air and water quality and assists with carbon-capture;
- The wood promotes bio-diversity and creates sustainable habitat for flora and fauna;

We will do this by limiting the adverse impacts of human presence within the wood whilst actively managing the woodland, using well-proven forestry methods.

Why do we need a policy?

- To ensure that the woodland remains a tranquil place for humans and other wildlife.
- To ensure that the woodland remains relatively undisturbed so that rich eco-systems can develop, promoting bio-diversity;
- To ensure that the woodland matures in a healthy way, to improve disease resistance and maintain species balance.
- To ensure that economic activity within the wood is compatible with the objectives above.

This policy was implemented on **January 1st 2019**

The policy will be reviewed and updated in **January 2020.**

How will we promote sustainability?

The school will:

- Continue to plant a diverse range of broad-leaf trees native to the area.
- Monitor invasive species which may threaten the balance of the woodland habitat.
- Monitor disease and pests which may threaten eco-systems.
- Limit the use of fires to twice a week and ensure that the fires are contained and proportionate to need.
- Limit the number of sessions run within the wood and vary the spaces used to allow ground to recover.
- Promote and model the schools aims and objectives so that users regulate their own impact using the "Tread lightly" code.
- Limit coppicing and wood cutting to a level which is sustainable and advantageous to the environmental aims.

Other users will:

- Respect the environment and follow the school's "Tread lightly" code.

How will we communicate this strategy?

- The school will publish a 3 year woodland management plan which is compatible with the objectives of this policy.
- The school will ensure education materials are available which communicate this policy to all users.