

OUR PROMISE TO THE PLANET



OUR SETTING PLEDGES TO:

Promote reuse and recycling

We will promote reuse by taking in everyday recyclable items from home to use again – for example, the cardboard inserts of kitchen rolls, cereal boxes, liquid soap bottles, cardboard containers, and milk cartons – for children to use in creative play and learning experiences.

We will encourage our families to donate toys which are no longer played with. In doing so we will help to keep items in good use, reduce the need to purchase new resources and alleviate stigma around 'preloved'. Where available we will also promote local opportunities for sharing and reusing, such as highlighting 'swap shops' within the community.

We will aim to reduce the purchase of new resources made of plastic as well as committing to radically reduce our use of single-use plastics.

We are also committed to using more natural, open-ended resources to help children express their thoughts and ideas creatively and promote the benefits of loose parts play.

Our staff will be encouraged to recycle effectively and will be provided with the necessary resources to do this. They will also promote the importance of recycling within the home, working in partnership with children and families.

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Go digital

We will reduce our use of paper by creating digital resources where possible. We will also be cognisant of the fact that not all children and families have easy access to digital devices. In these circumstances, we will provide support for inclusive access for children.

We will increase and encourage the use of emails/text messages for communication with parents and carers, reducing the need for printed letters and other information.

Talk about climate change

We will work with our children to understand what they know and how they feel about climate change. We will introduce topics around this issue and support our staff to create experiences which focus on the climate crisis.

Modelling of best practice will be used in ways that children can participate in and understand, such as ensuring lights are turned off in rooms that are not being used and increasing use of natural light by opening blinds.

We will also encourage children to take resources home so that they can continue conversations on climate change with their friends and families.

Go outside!

We will continue to develop and promote the benefits of outdoor play and learning practices by connecting practitioners, children, and families with their local environment.

Our children will be encouraged to have regular access outdoors to explore and learn about nature.

We continue to commit to enabling children access to the outdoors in all weathers, teaching them about the changing seasons and developing their understanding of how climate change is affecting our natural environment.

Where capacity allows, we will make use of outdoor space to plant and grow our own food.

