

# Sustainability Charter

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Ibstock Place

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CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY SCHOOL

Ibstock Place School is committed to all aspects of sustainability and care of the global environment. The School recognises that its activities can have a significant impact on the local and global environment. It is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment to prevent habitat and biodiversity loss, combat climate change and prevent the pollution of land, water and air or to reduce the impact on habitat and biodiversity, where possible.

The School's sustainability aims are:

- Becoming carbon net zero as soon as possible and reducing the School's environmental impact.
- Creating a culture within the School which embeds sustainability into every aspect of school life for pupils, staff, parents, alumni and the wider community.
- Embedding sustainability across the teaching and learning at the School.
- Embedding sustainability throughout the School's operations, site management and capital investment.
- Ensuring that all significant building developments, whether new or refurbished, prioritise sustainability throughout the project.
- Committing financial investment towards the actions set out in the sustainability action plan.
- Promoting biodiversity throughout the School campus and enhancing green spaces for the wellbeing of pupils, staff and visitors.
- Promoting wider discussion about sustainability within our community and through our leadership.
- Complying with and, where possible, exceeding relevant environmental legislation, regulatory requirements and other standards.
- Identifying and addressing areas or actions of significant environmental impact and carrying out regular audits.

- Setting environmental sustainability targets against the following objectives, which will be reviewed, and progress reported on:
  - **Carbon and Energy:** improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
  - **Water:** Improve water efficiency across the estate through the design and maintenance of estate.
  - **Waste and Resource Use:** Promote responsible consumption, reduce the amount of waste produced and increase reuse and recycling where generation of waste cannot be prevented.
  - **Biodiversity:** Maintain and enhance the green spaces on the school site to assist support biodiversity and health and wellbeing.
  - **Clean Air:** Contribute to reducing air pollution and mitigating the impact of poor air quality around the school site.
  - **Construction and refurbishment:** Manage construction, refurbishment and post-completion occupancy of our buildings to reduce environmental impact and enhance wellbeing of building users.
  - **Catering, food sourcing and food waste:** Manage the School's catering operation with the aim of reducing its negative environmental impact.
  - **Transport and Educational Visits:** raise awareness and encourage through school initiatives, the use of environmentally friendly methods of transport including considering the environmental impact of educational visits at planning stage.
  - **Training and Awareness:** Raise awareness of sustainability issues and provide opportunities to develop knowledge amongst staff and pupils, of environmental matters and actions which can improve sustainability.