

# Every Child Matters and Every Day Counts



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## Introduction

Lammack Primary School is committed to educating children about caring for and respecting the environment. To develop sensible citizens that are able to make valuable decisions. The Eco Committee at Lammack has a key role in achieving this and is a paramount part of our Eco-Schools programme.

## Lammack's Eco Committee

Lammack Primary School Eco Committee purposes:

- To ensure a whole school approach about caring for the environment;
- To give pupils responsibilities and promote team work;
- To develop pupils' skills in the decision-making process;
- To develop an awareness of environmental issues;
- To allow pupils an opportunity to be heard;
- To develop a structure to implement the national Eco-Schools Programme in the school.

## Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Eco Schools Programme at Lammack are:

- To become more sustainable in the school environment and reduce the environmental impact of the whole school;
- Promote environmental awareness;
- To develop an awareness of global issues;
- To develop a whole school approach in promoting environmental awareness – pupils, all staff, governors, parents and members of the local community;
- To help to create a shared understanding of what is needed in order to run a school in a way that respects and enhances the environment;
- To help develop pupils' decision – making skills;
- To link environmental issues in with the curriculum as well as the daily running life of the school.

## Eco – Schools Scheme

Lammack Primary School is a member of the Eco – Schools Programme. This is an international initiative that encourages pupils to engage with the environment and sustainable development issues.

It provides a highly structured system for the environmental management of schools. The structure of the Eco Schools process is made up of seven elements and this forms the basis of the programme. The seven elements include:

- The Eco Committee;
- The Environmental Review;
- The Action Plan;
- Curriculum;
- Monitoring and evaluation;
- Involve and inform the wider community;
- Eco Code.

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The Eco – Schools Programme has three levels of awards: Bronze, Silver and then the Green Flag Award. There is a criteria set for each of the awards that schools need to meet in order to achieve the award. The Bronze and Silver awards are achieved through self-assessment and the Green Flag Award is completed by an Eco – Schools assessor through visiting the school. The Green Flag Award is reassessed and renewed every two years. Lammack are currently working towards gaining the bronze award with the last award expiring in March 2019.

### Lammack’s Eco Committee

Lammack’s Eco Committee consists of twelve pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 who have been elected by their class members by a democratic vote. It is the responsibility of the Eco Schools Committee and the Eco Subject Leader to ensure an environmental review and action plan are planned and carried out at the beginning of each academic year. The topics from the Eco Schools programme will be used in focusing on actions. The Eco Code will also need to be reviewed and amended if appropriate after the environmental review and action plan have been completed. The Eco School Committee members are responsible for reporting back to their class about activities related to caring for the environment.

The Eco Committee also implements other elements across the school. These elements are:

- The design and updated Eco display board in school;
- Pen recycling;
- Battery recycling;
- Upkeep of the school’s nature grounds;
- Communication with “TerraCycle”;
- Design, implantation and evaluation of Lammack’s “One Tree” Day.

### The Curriculum

Lammack Primary School aim to link eco topics/activities into the curriculum in various ways. Activities will be incorporated into lessons that link in with the action plan covering different curricular areas to embrace a cross curricular approach. Furthermore, all classes will take part in eco activities on a nominated day every academic year linked with the “One Tree” foundation.

### The role of the Eco Subject Lead:

- To lead and manage the school’s eco committee;
- To create and update the eco policy every two years;
- To complete action plans for each academic year to contribute to the school improvement plan;
- To participate in the Eco – Schools Scheme;
- To keep staff informed of actions and new developments;
- To coordinate a focused environment day;
- To keep a portfolio of evidence of action areas.

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## Inclusion

All pupils, regardless of race, gender, culture or disability shall have opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding of caring for their environment and develop a caring attitude.

## Provision for Special Educational Needs

Educating children about caring for the environment forms part of our school policy to provide a broad and balanced education for all children. Our teachers provide learning opportunities that are matched to the needs of children with learning difficulties. All children will be included in activities related to caring for the environment and teachers will differentiate activities to meet the needs of the children.

## Health and Safety

Health and safety issues will be considered in all activities and relate to the school's Health and Safety Policy.