All our staff and pupils are committed to educating about caring for and respecting the environment and developing sensible citizens that are able to make valuable decisions.

The Eco Council Team at our school has a key role in achieving this. The Eco Council are selected members of the School community, certain pupils who have been voted onto the committee by their peers.

**Aims**

* To ensure a whole school approach about caring for the environment.
* To involve pupils in making decisions about whole school eco-actions and developing policies with eco links.
* To support the school community in developing an awareness of environmental issues.
* To develop a structure to implement the national Eco-Schools Programme in the school

**As an Eco Council, we:**

* Elect new Eco Council members annually
* Hold regular meetings
* Choose specific areas in the school to work on
* Set appropriate and achievable targets
* Introduce whole school projects
* Link our ideas to our curriculum work
* Check and monitor that successful improvements are being made
* Keep the whole school and community up to date with progress

The Eco Council plays an integral part in monitoring and implementing other elements:

* Litter
* Waste minimisation
* Energy
* Transport
* Healthy Living
* Water
* School grounds
* Global Citizenship
* Eco – Schools Scheme

**Eco Council Framework**

1. Eco-Committee
2. Environmental Review
3. Action Plan
4. Involving the whole school and wider community
5. Linking to the curriculum
6. Monitoring and evaluation
7. Eco-Code

This framework supports schools working on different environmental and sustainable topics so we look at these areas in our meetings, along with how to save energy and water as well as reducing litter and waste. We also think of new ways to keep ourselves and our school healthy.

**The Role of the Eco Council**

* Our Eco-Committee meet at least twice every half-term.
* Pupils are involved in running and keeping meeting minutes for Eco-Committee meetings, these minutes are displayed on our Eco-Board
* Pupils on the Eco-Committee ensure the rest of the school are kept up-to-date on the progress of their Eco-Schools Work.

**School Council Meeting Organisation**

It is the aim of the school that the meetings should be run and led by the pupils (Eco Councillors) with the SLT representative (Mrs Allen) involved mainly for guidance.

During the first meeting of the council, each representative will take on a designated role or job – these will include:

* Chairperson
	+ Leads the meetings and helps set the agenda through gaining feedback from the other representatives on issues that have been raised by their year group.
* Vice Chairperson
	+ Will assist the Chairperson and ensures that all of the representatives carry out their roles effectively. They will also run the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson.
* Secretary
	+ Takes the minutes of each meeting which should then be word processed and distributed to all of the teachers and council representatives.
* Treasurer
	+ Works along with the council link teacher in managing the Eco Council budget.
* Newsletter Officers
	+ Produce a termly ‘Eco Council Newsletter' showing the pupils and parents/carers the issues discussed and achievements made.
* General Liaison Officers
	+ Liaise and keep other adult members of staff updated with the issues discussed.