

Our Eco-Code

It is a requirement for the Silver and Green Flag Awards, that your school has agreed, adopted and displayed an Eco-Code. The Eco-Code is your mission statement. It should demonstrate – in a positive, clear and imaginative way – your school's commitment to improving your environmental performance.

The whole school, led by the Eco-Committee, should have a key role in developing the code. This will give your school a greater sense of responsibility for the values the code represents. The Eco-Code may take the form of simple phrases, a poem or a song. Its presentation could be a design challenge for pupils. Citizenship and personal social health education classes provide a good opportunity to discuss the Eco-Code's meaning and values.


Prominent display


Your Eco-Code should be displayed throughout the school on notice boards, in classrooms, staffrooms and along corridors. It can even appear on your website.


It's important to understand that an Eco-Code – like any behaviour or other code – will fail to have meaning if those it's aimed at don't understand and subscribe to its content. It's more likely to be effective if it's evolved alongside other changes brought about by the Eco-Committee, rather than simply brainstormed, written and displayed.


Some example Eco-Codes from Eco-Schools


Our Eco-Code at Wisewood School


We will save energy by switching off lights and PCs, 


Invest in Fair trade products and become a Fairtrade School, 


Save water and remember how important water is to people around the world, 

Ensure that we recycle paper, plastic, cans, mobile phones and clothes. 

We will look after the school environment by not dropping litter, 

Organise lots of events to help the environment, 

Organise the school expedition to Uganda in 2010. 

Develop our outdoors spaces, so they are nicer to be in. 

Our Eco-Code at Forge Valley

Fairtrade School Status  **V**ariety of wildlife and biodiversity 

Open to the community and the environment around us 

Recycling all that we can 

Generating our own energy and recycling rain water 

Environmentally friendly transport 

Always green e.g. planting trees 



Littering is lazy 

Lower our energy use by switching off unused lights and computers 

Ensure we have links around the world 

You're all a member of Forge Valley Community School! 

Eco-code
Reduce, re-use, recycle!!

- ✓ Put rubbish in the bin – keep our school tidy.
- ✓ Use the green litter bins for paper – this can be recycled!
- ✓ Make sure we only use the water we need – turn off taps!
- ✓ Put biodegradable materials in the compost bins.
- ✓ When leaving a room turn off the lights – don't leave electrical items on standby.
- ✓ In cold times keep doors shut to keep the heat in.
- ✓ Use both sides of a piece of paper, use the Eco tray if it can be further used.
- ✓ Try and use 'green' lunchboxes and be healthy in our choices.
- ✓ Be active – exercise regularly.
- ✓ Walk or cycle to school if possible – use the Walking Bus!

HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL GREENER!