

Bournes Green Junior School Parents' Association (BGJSPA) – Environmental Policy

The BGJSPA understands that we all have a responsibility to protect the environment for future generations – this includes our school community. We want to inspire children and their carers to contribute to reducing their environmental impact as well as our own. We support Southend Borough Council's aim to achieve a carbon neutral Southend by 2030 (www.southend.gov.uk/COP26).

Waste

We aspire to achieve zero waste in all that we do. Where possible, we will reduce or eliminate single use plastic items used or sold by BGJSPA at events. This includes plastic bottles, glo sticks, straws, cutlery and cups.

- Reduce

We avoid unnecessary printing and use electronic methods to communicate with members where possible.

- Reuse

We encourage the reuse of materials where possible and promote our preloved uniform shop and clothes recycling bank in the school grounds. We will consider other ways to promote reuse such as books, dressing up costumes, toy swaps and reusable cups/ mugs at events. We continue to offer a reusable bottle for sale to children.

- Recycle

We will provide recycling points at all our events which are signed. We avoid laminated paper that does not need to be weatherproof.

Biodiversity and school grounds

We support the school's environmental, outdoor learning areas and equipment to encourage the children to enjoy spending time outdoors.

Energy

We reduce energy use by turning off devices and lights that are not needed. We regularly defrost our freezers and consider energy efficiency ratings when purchasing new equipment.

Global Citizenship

We purchase fair trade products where possible.

Health

We include healthy food and drink options when catering at events. We continue to support school facilities such as outside play/ exercise areas.

Water

We encourage the use of re-usable water bottles and cups and ensure tap water is freely available at events. We ensure taps are turned off properly.

Transport

We support the school in continuing to encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school.