



British International School
of Ljubljana
an Orbital Education School



Environmental Policy 2023-24



The British International School of Ljubljana promotes our Values throughout this policy.

Our Mission

We provide a **high-quality British style international education** in English, balancing tradition and innovation.

We aim to be the internationally recognised, **outstanding educational choice** for families in the region.

Our passion is creating a **positive, safe and nurturing learning environment** in which everyone is valued as individuals, empowering them to be versatile, motivated and caring people.

We will endeavour to **create opportunities** to develop creativity, collaboration and critical thinking skills through an **inclusive and personalised experience**.

Our Values

Excellence - We strive for excellence in everything we do.

Respect - We learn at school by showing respect to everyone in the community

Responsibility - We are engaged, promoting actions and behaviours that support a sustainable future.

Integrity - We are transparent, honest and ethical in all our relationships.

Compassion - We are kind and caring, encouraging everyone to succeed.

Aims

Our **aim** is to take responsibility towards the environment and encourage our students in understanding the importance of the effects of their actions upon the environment. We encourage and reinforce environmental education in all aspects of everyday life and the wider community. We will strive to be recognized as an **Eco-School** by fulfilling their requirements and those of other accredited bodies both domestically and internationally that focus on environmental protection and sustainability. Our goal is to prepare the students for a lifetime of sustainable living through teaching, learning and daily practices.

<https://en.unesco.org/greencitizens/stories/eco-schools-programme>

Education for Sustainable Development (See ESG Policy)

Environmental education is taught through PSHE, Geography and Science lessons and through the introduction of academic themes for each block, which encourage sustainable thinking and practices. Some of the initiatives inspired by the academic themes are led by the **Student Council**. Staff are encouraged to foster positive attitudes about sustainable issues and develop awareness and critical thinking skills in our students. All teachers and students are involved in the school's environmental events that take place



throughout the year. We have regular events internally such as Earth Day, World Ocean Day and recycling projects.

Organisation and Approach

Our school will educate and promote positive uses of the environment through whole school events such as assemblies, appeals for charities, speakers and Earth Day.

The way in which we will strive towards our goals is the following:

Reusable Water Bottles

- Encourage all students to bring in a reusable water bottle to school

Waste Management (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

- Every class/room will have paper and plastic recycling bins in which students (monitors) will be responsible in emptying them into the recycling bins located throughout the school on a weekly basis.
- To reduce paper usage, we will endeavour to promote and create signs to encourage everyone to:
 - Photocopy double sided
 - Use cloud storage and online file sharing when possible
 - Reuse scrap paper and envelopes
 - Use email to communicate with parents

Energy Management

- Monitor and record energy use on a monthly basis
- Keep all classrooms/offices AC's off when rooms are not used



- All staff/ students to switch off lights when classrooms are not in use
- All classrooms/offices have door hangers to remind students and staff to shut off any electric equipment before leaving the room
- All computers in the school are shut down at the end of the day
- Where possible utilising energy suppliers that source their energy from renewal sources.

Produce

- The school to buy environmentally friendly products e.g., sourcing produce for lunches and snacks locally (reducing food miles) or from ethical fair-trade suppliers
- Sourcing products for school use from suppliers that utilise recycled material or sustainable sourced materials in the production of the items purchased

Transport

Educate our students, staff and parents to minimize fuel consumption during our drop off procedure. We do this through regular reminders to turn off car engines and to drive slowly.

Encourage students/families to walk or cycle to school where the environment facilitates.

School Grounds

We are improving the school environment through:

- Creating recycling centres throughout the school
- Creating an Eco garden for students to learn and maintain, through planting trees and flowers throughout the year

Review and Evaluation

Due for Review:

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