

# **Birkenhead Sixth Form College**

## **Environment and Sustainability Policy**

### **Overview**

Birkenhead Sixth Form College recognises its corporate and social responsibility to carry out its activities in a way that is sensitive to the environment. In this respect the College will seek to develop an ethos of environmental and sustainability responsibility in all its staff, governors and students.

In delivering its mission 'to be an outstanding Sixth Form College providing high quality education for all' the College will seek to promote a sound awareness and understanding of local, national and global environmental and sustainability issues and conduct our activities in an environmentally friendly manner.

### **Objectives**

- To promote increased awareness of the Environment and Sustainability Policy among staff, governors and students so that all College members can contribute to its development and implementation.
- To care for the condition, quality and appearance of its buildings, grounds and local surroundings.
- To consider environmental and sustainability issues at both project design stage and during the implementation of the College Property Strategy.
- To maintain a clean, safe and healthy environment and discouraging litter, graffiti and noise pollution.
- To manage, conserve and ultimately reduce the cost of the College's energy and water usage.
- To ensure the efficient and environmentally responsible use of resources.
- To promote and participate in recycling schemes.
- To provide opportunities for all staff, governors and students to acquire awareness and understanding of environmental and sustainability issues through the development of the College curriculum.
- To encourage the use of environmental efficient modes of transport by staff, governors and students.
- To make available Fairtrade products so that staff and students can choose to support the Fairtrade Foundation. The Foundation exists to ensure a better deal for marginalised and disadvantaged developing world producers. The Foundation awards a consumer label, the Fairtrade Mark, to products, which meet international standards of fair trade.
- By supplying Fairtrade products the College will demonstrate that it is committed to sustainable development and corporate social responsibility.

### **Delivery**

The Estates Manager and Finance and Resources Committee will have responsibility for overseeing the development and implementation of the policy.