



Camphill School Aberdeen

## Environmental and Green Policy Statement

Camphill School Aberdeen is committed to managing its estates in accordance with responsibilities to the environment. These responsibilities can be demonstrated within the following areas:

### **1.1 Purchasing**

In purchasing its services, materials, equipment and consumable items, Camphill School Aberdeen will, where possible, purchase items produced in ways which do least environmental harm, which are not supplied with excessive packaging; which are benign or at least harmless in their effect on the environment. Where possible, preference will be given to local or regional suppliers to maximise Camphill School Aberdeen's input to the local community.

### **1.2 Food Policy**

Camphill School Aberdeen will aim that decisions pertaining to the purchase of food, together with the use and disposal of plastic crockery/cutlery/cups, will at all times include environmental implications as well as such factors as cost and nutritional value.

### **1.3 Cleaning**

Camphill School Aberdeen will use cleaning products based on environmental considerations as well as cost and suitability.

### **1.4 Waste Disposal and Recycling**

Camphill School Aberdeen will seek to minimise its generation of waste by reduction of purchased materials where this does not compromise its primary functions, or by re-use of materials within or outside Camphill School Aberdeen. Where reduction or re-use is not feasible, materials will be recycled wherever possible.

### **1.5 Energy**

Camphill School Aberdeen is environmentally responsible for its use of energy, and will therefore consider the sources, type, origin and destination of energy input and output throughout Camphill School Aberdeen. This will require careful monitoring of consumption, the elimination of excessive or unnecessary use, and an ongoing programme of energy conservation. Whenever new buildings are designed or existing stock refurbished, thermal insulation and other energy efficient measures should be of the best practicable standard.

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### **1.6 New Build and Building Refurbishment**

Camphill School Aberdeen will ensure that whenever new build is commissioned or existing stock refurbished, work is planned and executed in a manner which reflects environmentally-responsible approaches defined by the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method. As well as requirements for energy efficiency, this entails the use of sustainably-produced building materials and methods of construction which make optimum use of resources.

### **1.7 Land**

Camphill School Aberdeen tends its land organically and where possible bio-dynamically and regards the care for its fields, woods, riverbanks, greens and gardens as integral part of its holistic approach to social care and education.

### **1.8 Green Travel Plan**

Camphill School Aberdeen actively promotes the use of public transport, walking and cycling. Camphill School Aberdeen will take steps to reduce the negative impact on the environment from its fleet of vehicles and actively pursue purchasing in low carbon emission vehicles when purchasing new.

### **1.9 Eco School**

Camphill School Aberdeen aspires to remain a gold standard eco school.

### **1.10 Fairtrade School**

Camphill School Aberdeen aspires to keep its Fairtrade award.