

## Our Sustainability Strategy

Kiddie Capers Childcare

# What is Sustainability?

Sustainability plays a vital role in our Early Years provision across all our settings.

The concept of sustainability refers to meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

In Early Years, this means nurturing children's understanding of how to care for the environment, conserve natural resources, reduce waste, and contribute to a healthy and equitable society. The choices we make today directly shape the world that our children—and future generations—will inherit.

At Kiddie Capers Childcare, we are committed to fostering a deep appreciation for the beauty of our planet. We strive to support children in developing a sense of responsibility, admiration, and unconditional respect for the world around them. Through meaningful experiences and thoughtful guidance, we hope to inspire lifelong habits that contribute to a sustainable and brighter future for all.



#### **Our Commitment**

At Kiddie Capers Childcare we support children to learn about sustainable practices and foster respect and care for the living and non-living environment.

"The earth is our home, we must keep it tidy!"

"We must look after the trees"

"We have to turn the taps off if we are not using them"

"Plastic hurts the sea!"

## **Our Sustainability Values**



## 1. Caring for Our Planet

We nurture a love and respect for the natural world. Children explore, play, and learn outdoors developing care for living things and understanding how their actions affect the environment.



### 2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

We make thoughtful choices to protect our world's resources. We use recyclable materials, encourage upcycling in play, and model waste reduction through daily routines.



### 3. Sustainable Living in Everyday Choices

Small changes make a big difference. Children learn that saving water, turning off lights, and sharing resources are ways to look after our planet together.



### 4. Connecting with Nature

Nature is our teacher. We provide natural materials for play, grow plants and food, and help children understand life cycles and seasonal changes.



### 5. Local and Global Community

We are all part of one world. Children and families learn about fairness, kindness, and how communities can work together to care for people and the planet.



#### 6. Future Thinking and Hope

We believe children are changemakers. We empower children to make positive choices, celebrate eco-actions, and imagine a sustainable future where everyone can thrive.

## How do we do this?

#### **Caring for Our Planet**

We pride ourselves on offering Forest School sessions to all children aged 2+ focussing on the natural world and how they can look after it.

We also read books like 'Please help planet Earth' to keep the learning alive when we get back to the classroom.



#### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

All our nurseries have dedicated recycling bins to ensure we embed the importance of recycling from a young age.

We make use of cardboard boxes, bottles, and egg cartons to build robots, vehicles, or houses - we let our imagination run free!

Wipes? No thank you! We use flannels to help clean up and have soap dispensers in all our bathrooms to ensure we able to limit our single use plastic wherever possible.

## Sustainable Living in Everyday Choices

We don't just do the basics - we also teach our children to be responsible in all their daily tasks, like encouraging them to turn off taps after handwashing and talking about saving water.

We also ensure that all our grocery shopping is delivered without carrier bags to reduce our single use plastic waste and subtly teaching our children the importance of why.



## How do we do this?



#### **Connecting with Nature**

Children love collecting leaves, sticks, and stones - we use our imagination to bring these to life during our craft sessions - they especially enjoy doing leaf rubbings and mud painting!

We also have dedicated areas in each nursery where our children have the opportunity to plant seeds and care for them daily, nurturing them whilst they grow. Whilst we're outside, we use magnifying glasses to look for insects and talk about their homes and how they may differ.

#### **Local and Global Community**

Our children love learning about others - we explore cultures from around the globe talking about how they may all differ. We discuss clothing, food, and music bring those cultures to life within the classroom. We also talk about how even though we are all different, its important we all work together.



#### **Future Thinking and Hope**

We encourage our children to think about the future by drawing pictures on how they would like to help the earth, is this by recycling, planting trees or caring for animals? Circle time is the perfect opportunity to share what they love about our earth and what they can do to keep it looking beautiful.



# For more information please see our Environmental Sustainability Policy or speak to your Nursery Manager