

**New College Nottingham**



# **Environmental Policy**

**2010 – 2015**

## **1. Introduction**

This policy document details the commitment of New College Nottingham to energy savings and a sustainable environment.

## **2. Scope**

It is the intention that the existence of this policy should be published in the Staff Handbook and made known to all staff. Where possible all staff should endeavour to apply its aims to all aspects of the College's operation and its delivery of the curriculum and associated services. Environmental issues impact on all activities of the College, and in particular on: property strategy, space utilisation and maintenance of the site; catering; energy management; use and recycling of paper and materials; health and safety, waste management; purchasing strategies and contractual arrangements; curriculum delivery; relationships and partnerships with others in the local community and transport.

## **3. Policy Statement**

It is the policy of New College Nottingham to work towards a sustainable environment. In doing this the College will aspire to awareness and understanding of local, national and global environmental issues and, through its own practices, strive to conserve, sustain and improve the environment.

The College will achieve this by:

3.1 Setting targets for improvements in energy savings and classroom utilisation to minimise its use of energy and scarce resources through good practice, prudent maintenance and use of energy efficient resources.

3.2 Removing material from the waste cycle, which can viably be recycled and make use of recycled materials where practicable.

3.3 Using materials and equipment which minimise harm to the environment, and avoiding use of non-renewable resources where feasible.

3.4 Continually improving and maintaining the environment both within the College and, where appropriate, externally.

3.5 Minimising pollution by ensuring all College equipment which uses fossil fuel is regularly serviced and maintained and that their emissions are checked.

3.6 Reducing the use of paper by critically appraising the need for use and by double-sided copying and use of electronic mail and the intranet and other technology as far as practicable.

3.7 Including environmental and energy management issues in staff and student induction and development and ensuring that all are aware of the need to endeavour to apply in practice the aims of the environmental policy, particularly related to energy savings.

3.8 Committing funds to, and re-investing any savings back into, environmental improvements within the College, within budgetary constraints.

3.9 Ensuring all contractors and suppliers to the College have similar environmental aims and commitment.

3.10 Including environmental issues in curriculum delivery where appropriate.

3.11 Linking with other organisations in the local community in dialogue and partnership to encourage and contribute to good environmental practice.

3.12 Ensuring compliance with any legal requirements concerning the environment, and working towards meeting government initiatives for a sustainable environment.

3.13 Encourage the users of the College to seek environmentally acceptable economies in use of transport, i.e. share of lifts, public transport.

#### **4. Monitoring and Audit**

The College Environmental Group (Chaired by the Deputy Principal) will be responsible for agreeing relevant targets and monitoring progress against these, and for establishing procedures to support cross college implementation of this policy.

The College Environment group will ensure a formal annual report is prepared for the Corporation to consider as part of its annual cycle of business.