



## Temperature Policy 2023

### General philosophy of the policy:

Our school is committed to educating its pupils about the importance of respecting the environment and promoting sustainable development. Our school recognises that it has a duty to equip its pupils with the knowledge and skills to look after our planet, to manage the world's resources wisely and to make a positive contribution by improving our local area. It is important for the school community to have an awareness and understanding of the effects of their negative and positive actions upon the environment in which they live, work and relax. In order to do this, we need to take responsibility for our own actions, and we need to have a sense of duty and care for the world in which we live. Furthermore, schools are at the hearts of their communities and therefore have the responsibility of being local leaders in behavioral changes and sustainable practices. We therefore aim to develop good habits and behavior patterns amongst staff and pupils and to educate and inspire our wider community.

### Objectives:

The overall aim of our policy on classroom temperature is to save the school money spent on wasted energy. Wasted energy damages the environment, causing global warming and pollution. This policy will ensure that all school users are informed and able to act on maintaining optimal temperatures throughout the school.

### Aims:

We aim to reduce our heating costs by 5% by the end of the year.

We will:

- Ensure that all maintenance staff are trained in checking, maintaining and adjusting radiators and boilers so that we can respond quickly to unseasonal weather changes.
- Monitor the heating and hot water systems so that they run at maximum efficiency.
- Install thermometers in all rooms
- Ensure that radiators and convector heaters are maintained regularly.
- Regularly service our boilers.

- Use data from <http://energysparks.uk> to check that the boilers are not coming on too early.
- Maintain classroom temperatures of no higher than 20°C, recommended temperature 18c
- Maintain hall and corridor temperatures of no higher than 15°C.
- Maintain a temperature no higher than 18°C in the library and infrequently used rooms.
- Educate staff and pupils about not opening windows and doors when the radiators are on.
- Appoint a team of pupils who have responsibility for checking temperatures throughout the school.
- Encourage parents to send their children to school wearing warm clothes in colder weather and remind them of this through emails and texts.

### **Responsibilities and Monitoring:**

The Eco team/student council in collaboration with the Site Manager will monitor our building temperatures and feedback to the rest of the school community.

The Site Manager is responsible for programming, maintaining, and monitoring boilers, radiators, and hot water systems.

Staff are responsible for reporting faulty equipment and overheated areas to the Site Manager.

The Eco Team will place thermometers throughout the school and record temperature readings on <http://energysparks.uk>. ***School staff will have responsibility for turning down thermostats in overheated rooms.***

The policy will be reviewed on a regular basis by the Headteacher and the Site Manager.