

Green Procurement Policy: Avenue Primary School

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY

This is our green shopping guide. When buying things for the school we would like everyone to consider the effect that the new product might have on the environment as well as considering value for money and financial standing orders. Some things are made in ways that do not damage the environment as much, for example, they use less chemicals, have been made from recycled materials or have been produced locally and not travelled as far.

PAPER/ART MATERIALS:

- Is the paper or art materials recycled or from a sustainable source?
- Could you use recycled materials instead?

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

- Are the products environmentally friendly?
- Make sure the cleaning staff know how to use them properly and the correct amount to use.
- Recycle the packaging.
- Use products made in the UK.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT:

- Buy things that are energy efficient.
- Use products designed for recycling that have a longer life.
- Recycle the packaging and any used products eg. Print cartridges.

LIGHTING:

- Buy energy saving light bulbs.
- Recycle appropriately all waste products and packaging.

FURNITURE:

- Use woods from sustainably managed forests.
- Buy things from recycled materials.
- Buy things that will last.
- Recycle the packaging.

FOOD AND CATERING:

- Buy fair trade or organic food where possible.
- Collect food waste for the compost bin.

