



## Happiness Outdoors Project

### **Environmental and Ecological Policy**

One of the core values of the Happiness Outdoors Project (HOP) is that of respect. This respect is not only for people but also for the world we live in. In HOP sessions, the participants will learn about the beauty, diversity and importance of the natural world and how to care for it. The HOP team will teach through example the care of the school grounds and flora and fauna to enable sustainable use of the site and to show respect for the natural environment.

For example, when looking for insects, the participants are asked to return them to where they are found so that they are put back in the appropriate environment. The flora of the site is cared for by erecting boundaries in the spring when flowers are beginning to appear to prevent people trampling on them.

Where possible, materials used for HOP activities will be sourced from donation or in-kind contribution and will be reused, recycled and repurposed; teaching the values and practices of sustainable use.

The purchasing of equipment for use within the outdoor learning areas will be carefully considered and, as far as possible, local suppliers will be used. Ethical considerations will be made in regard to purchasing items where the welfare of the environment, animals and workers are paramount.

### **Approval and Review**

This policy will be reviewed by the Directors annually, as part of the financial planning cycle.

Version No	Approved By	Approval Date	Main Changes	Review Period
1.0	Directors	July 2024	Initial draft approved	Annually
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