



# SHAPWICK SCHOOL

*'The same road by different steps'*

## **Environmental Policy**

**For Review: 31 August 2020**

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### **Statement of Intent**

Shapwick School believes that we have a responsibility to care for and protect the environment in which we operate. We are fully committed to improving environmental performance and across all of our activities, and will encourage our managers, staff, young people, business partners and members of the wider community to join us in this effort.

We acknowledge our duties under current environmental legislation.

### **Our Environmental impacts**

Shapwick School recognises our key environmental impacts to be in the areas of:

- energy use and efficiency
- waste generation
- emissions to air
- effluent discharge
- water use
- transport of young people
- procurement
- site development and management

### **Our Actions and Intentions:**

We will strive to:

- Aim to adopt the highest environmental standards in all areas of operation, meeting and exceeding all relevant legislative requirements.
- Assess our organisational activities and identify areas where we can minimise impacts.
- Minimise waste through careful and efficient use of all materials, energy and recycling.
- Purchase sustainable products wherever possible (e.g. recycled, FSC or low environmental impact products) and reuse surplus equipment within the organisation.
- Invest in green technology including the installation of biomass and solar plant where appropriate.
- Incorporate new technologies such as LED lighting, heat recovery and enhanced insulation when developing new school sites.
- Train employees and young people in good environmental practice and encourage employee involvement in environmental action.
- Heighten young people's awareness of their interface with the environment through involvement in DofE, Forest Schools and curriculum delivery.
- Reduce risk from environmental, health or safety hazards for employees and others in the vicinity of our operations.
- Ensure emissions from water treatment plants remain within EA permit levels through regular maintenance and monitoring.

- Adopt an environmentally sound transport strategy through suitable procurement, consolidation of operations and driver training.
- Aim to include environmental and ethical considerations in procurement including in sourcing local service providers where possible.
- Ensure full consideration to environmental impact is given when developing or acquiring new sites through proactive engagement with planning authorities.
- Consistently assess the environmental impact on all of our operations and activities.

Shapwick School will periodically review performance and develop robust action plans to address any shortfalls when identified.