



**Buckinghamshire
College Group**

Sustainability Policy

2017-18

Responsible Officer:	Vice Principal Corporate Services
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Policy

Note: This Sustainability Policy relates to the Aylesbury campus only, due to the recent merger with Amersham and Wycombe College. The policy will be reviewed and developed to cover all campuses at Aylesbury, Amersham and Wycombe.

Buckinghamshire College Group's policy is to strengthen local economic well-being by equipping students with the right skills and values to help build strong communities while respecting people and protecting the environment. This is consistent with our core values and our passion for making life better for everyone in the community.

This document sets out the College's aims to facilitate sustainable development. The College is committed to implementing actions to deliver the objectives set out below that will promote and embed sustainable development in all aspects of the College's activities.

Goals

- To maintain a healthy learning and working environment
- To promote energy efficiency through education and
- To reduce energy and utility consumption at the College

Achievement and Targets

	Actual Performance 2014	Actual Performance 2017	% Actual Reduction
Electricity kWh/student	563 kWh per student	520 kWh per student	8%
Gas kWh/student	451 kWh per student	412 kWh per student	9%

We will target a further 10% reduction in usage per student over the 2018-2020 period.

In addition, we also monitor the use of Water, Waste, Paper and Ink consumption.

Objectives

This policy will be implemented in accordance with all existing and emerging legislation.

The College's Sustainability Policy shows a commitment to the principles of sustainability, minimising the adverse impact of its activities on the environment whilst supporting the economic and social developments of the College.

The objectives, and the Directors taking lead responsibility in determining targets and measures, are set out below:

1. Establishing effective systems and strategies to achieve the target of 10% reduction in the College's energy between 2018-2020 (Vice Principal Corporate Services).
2. Ensuring an effective and sustainable of water and prevention of pollution (Vice Principal Corporate Services).
3. Maximising the use of the college's accommodation through effective utilisation strategies so that the College's buildings provide a wide range of facilities for people to learn, develop, share, create, socialise, innovate and much more (All Directors).
4. Maximising the benefits of the College's facilities and services on the health and wellbeing of students and staff, complying with all applicable legal requirements relating to environmental aspects (Executive Director for HR and Vice Principal Corporate Services).
5. Ensuring that the College has a sustainable strategy for the provision of student travel (Vice Principal Corporate Services).
6. Embedding the principles of sustainability into student curriculums (Faculty Directors).

Communications Plan

To achieve the objectives, the College will seek to ensure we communicate sustainability effectively by doing the following.

1. Embedding awareness of sustainability across all college.
2. Promoting energy efficiency and responsible energy management.
3. Promoting the responsible use and conservation of water.
4. Promoting waste minimisation and reduce the environmental impact of waste through beneficial recycling opportunities.
5. Encourage the use of shared transport, public transport and environmentally friend methods of transport e.g. walking and cycling.

Monitoring and Review

The internal monitoring of the implementation of this policy will be the responsibility of the Vice Principal Corporate Services. The Vice Principal Corporate Services will be responsible for ensuring that this policy, and its associated processes and procedures, remain appropriate and comply with changes in legislation.

Checklist:

Impact on Students/Staff:

Policy applies to all staff, students and other visitors

Impact on Diversity:

None.

Impact on Health & Safety:

None.

Impact on Data Protection/Freedom of Information:

Buckinghamshire College Group complies with the requirements of the Data Protection Act and would only allow disclosure of relevant information as required (for example to a Police Authority).

Link with Strategic Plan:

Ensuring College resources are utilised for the purposes they were meant and protecting the College's reputation.

Communication/Consultation Plan:

Intranet.

Process of review:

The policy is reviewed annually or when legislative or procedural changes occur.

Process of review of effectiveness:

The Governing Body is accountable for ensuring the Group has effective policies and procedures in place and monitoring the Group's compliance with them.

Legal authority:

As required by law and adherence to funding body regulations

Responsibility for maintaining this policy rests with:

Vice Principal Corporate Services.

Links to other policies:

None