

# **Environmental Policy for Brent Play Association**

Approved by Trustees of Brent Play Association

A paper copy of this policy is kept Middlesex House.

An electronic copy of this policy is available on the Brent Play Association website.

A copy of this policy has been made available to the persons listed below, who are responsible for circulating this policy as appropriate to interested parties.

job applicants, employees, parents, children, community organisations, trustees, members of the association, schools, before and after school clubs, play schemes, and the general public

By virtue of fully completing this Environmental Policy, Brent Play Association has ensured that it remains legible and is fully identifiable.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy should be considered as part of a set of policies that include:

Child protection

Health & safety

Equal opportunities

Recruitment

Data protection

Customer care

Quality

## **Definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the following terms apply:

Senior management is defined as the directors, officers and senior managers of the organization.

Environmental aspects are the elements of Brent Play Association's activities, products and services that can interact with and impact upon the environment.

Environmental impacts are the changes to the environment that result from Brent Play Association's actions.

## **Policy Statement**

Brent Play Association acknowledges that the environment can potentially be impacted upon by any of its activities, products and services. This policy sets out how the organization will manage, monitor, measure and otherwise be accountable for its ongoing environmental performance.

In the implementation of this policy, Brent Play Association will adhere to the requirements of relevant local, national and international law pertaining to the environmental aspects and impacts of the organization and ensure that this policy kept up to date in line with those requirements.

Brent Play Association is committed to prevent pollution wherever possible and will ensure that as well as optimising new products, services and processes to facilitate this prevention, existing systems and processes are reviewed in order to identify areas for pollution prevention. For each product, service, system or process, this will be achieved by:

- eliminating the use of polluting materials or technologies
- reducing the use of polluting materials or technologies where elimination is not possible
- recycling or reusing materials within all Brent Play Association operations
- transferring materials or waste outside of Brent Play Association for recycling or reuse
- where no other option is available, controlled disposal or incineration.

Brent Play Association will integrate environmental management procedures, processes and planning with the general operations of the organization to maximise the potential reduction of the organizations environmental impacts.

Through the use of environmental performance evaluation procedures and key performance indicators, Brent Play Association will seek continual improvement in its environmental performance. This will be achieved through the proper implementation of its environmental management system. The design, development and management of the environmental management system, related procedures and indicators are the responsibility of senior management.

## The Environmental management system

The environmental management system shall cover the entire scope of the organisation and shall include:

Pollution prevention

Low carbon emission fuel in transport and

LPG in all portable generators (in-line with Brent Parks Environmental policy)

Improvement of environmental performance

Use of natural materials in all new builds (e.g. regeneration of Stonebridge Adventure Playground)

Use of natural materials as play resources (e.g. sand, natural wood, water )

Use of recyclable materials

A recycling system for all sites and settings:

Workers will involve the children in recycling at projects, making explicit why recycling is taking place and its importance, and inviting their participation in improving recycling, energy saving and other environmental measures.

The promotion of environmental education through projects such as the John Lyon Narrow Boat

A commitment to sustaining and developing the wildlife corridor, that is the grand Union Canal.

Through the implementation of this policy, Brent Play Association will set a leading example of good environmental management in the local area.

It is the responsibility of Play managers to ensure that this policy is implemented throughout the organization.

It is the responsibility of the Senior Play Manager to ensure that this policy is properly maintained and up to date.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on behalf of BRENT PLAY ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES

Print name:.....Date:.....