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# **Environmental and Sustainability Statement**

At Wandle Valley Academy, we recognise our responsibility to protect and preserve the environment for current and future generations. We are committed to promoting sustainability and environmental consciousness throughout our educational institution. Our environmental and sustainability efforts encompass various aspects of school life, from school operations to curriculum integration.

### **School Operations**

**Energy Efficiency:** We strive to reduce our energy consumption through efficient lighting, heating, and cooling systems. We regularly evaluate our facilities to identify opportunities for energy-saving upgrades and implement them to minimize our carbon footprint.

**Waste Reduction:** Wandle Valley Academy actively encourages waste reduction practices, including recycling programs and the responsible disposal of electronic waste. Our aim is to minimize waste generation and promote recycling among our pupil and staff.

**Water Conservation:** We are committed to conserving water resources through efficient irrigation systems and the promotion of water-saving habits. Our efforts extend to educating our pupils about the importance of water conservation.

**Green Transportation:** We encourage sustainable transportation options for our pupils and staff, such as biking, walking, or carpooling. We also provide adequate infrastructure for bicycle storage.

## **Curriculum Integration:**

**Environmental Education:** Our curriculum includes environmental education to raise awareness about environmental challenges and foster a sense of environmental responsibility among our pupils. We believe that a well-informed and environmentally conscious generation will drive positive change in the future.

**Outdoor Learning:** We utilise our outdoor spaces for hands-on, nature-based learning experiences. These activities promote a deeper connection to nature and encourage pupils to become stewards of the environment.

**Sustainable Practices:** We actively engage our pupils in sustainable practices within the school community. This includes activities like gardening, composting, and energy conservation initiatives, which provide valuable lessons in environmental stewardship.

#### **Community Engagement:**

**Partnerships:** We collaborate with local environmental organizations and community groups to engage our pupils in environmental projects and initiatives that benefit the wider community.

**Events and Awareness:** We organize events and campaigns to raise awareness about environmental issues, such as Earth Day celebrations, tree-planting events, and sustainability workshops.

### **Continuous Improvement:**

We are committed to regularly reviewing and improving our environmental and sustainability practices. We engage with stakeholders, including pupils, parents, and staff, to solicit ideas and feedback to enhance our sustainability initiatives.

By integrating environmental and sustainability principles into our daily operations and educational programs, we aim to instil a lifelong commitment to responsible environmental stewardship in our pupils. We believe that by working together, we can create a more sustainable future for our school, our community, and the planet.

