

School policy for Education for Sustainable Development & Global Citizenship

Commitment & leadership

Education for Sustainable Development & Global Citizenship (ESDGC) is central to the school Vision and ethos.

We at School are committed to minimizing the ecological and global footprint of the school and developing the values and attitudes, knowledge, understanding and skills of all learners to help them become responsible, healthy and informed global citizens.

As well as being an intrinsic part of our school curriculum, Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship is infused throughout the life of the school and school community including the headteacher, teachers, learners, parents, carers, governors, visitors and non-teaching staff.

There is a designated leader for ESDGC in the school and an active link governor for ESDGC. All staff have received training in ESDGC and there is a shared understanding of the vision and ethos.

Research & Monitoring

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ESDGC is part of the self-evaluation process (see appendix 1) and is included in the school's annual Improvement Plan (SIP). In undertaking self-evaluation the 4 level criteria outlined in the 'Common Understanding for ESDGC' are used.

School Management

All efforts are made to manage the school in a sustainable way and to make a positive contribution to global citizenship. Students are actively involved in the decision-making process through the School council and the eco-committee.

- Procurement (local produce, recycling, fair trade)
- Energy
- Transport
- Waste
- The School environment
- Equality & cultural diversity
- Global links
- Bio-diversity
- Healthy living

Partnerships & Community

The school is involved in the following partnerships to develop ESDGC e.g.:

- ESDGC/eco-school network
- Waste Awareness Officer
- NGOs
- Welsh Water
- Countryside rangers
- VALREC

- Local allotment group
- Urdd
- Dance groups

Teaching & Learning

ESDGC is embedded across the curriculum through all subjects/themes and at all ages. The provision for ESDGC is outlined below. The 7 themes for ESDGC outlined in the Common Understanding are used for mapping and planning, however in practice themes often over-lap and inter-connect.

The 7 themes are:

1. Wealth & Poverty
2. Identity & culture
3. Choices and Decisions
4. Health
5. Natural Environment
6. Consumption & Waste
7. Climate Change