

Caban Y Faenol CYF

Environmental Policy

The Manager will ensure that the policy is implemented and will delegate responsibility for day-to-day implementation to the staff. Each member of staff must keep to and facilitate the implementation of the policy.

Caban Y Faenol has an impact on the local environment. This impact arises from providing services (direct effects), for example by staff using resources and creating waste; and from influencing the environmental actions of others (indirect effects), for example by raising the environmental awareness of the children in our care. Caban Y Faenol recognises its impact on the area and is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment for future generations by acting responsibly and considering environmental, social and economic factors in all decision-making processes.

Caban Y Faenol is committed to promoting a safe and stimulating environment which acknowledges the importance of looking after the environment, both inside and outside of the setting. Caban Y faenol attempts to ensure that all our activities have minimal environmental impact. We will fully comply with all environmental legislation relevant to the setting, and will cooperate fully with all the Government's enforcement authorities and planning agencies, as required.

Children's Rights

Ensuring a safe and stimulating environment which acknowledges the importance of caring for the environment is part of ensuring that Caban Y Faenol respects the rights of the child under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, specifically:

- Article 5: Governments should respect the rights and responsibilities of families to direct and guide their children so that, as they grow, they learn to use their rights properly.
- Article 27: Children have a right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and mental needs.

Caban Y Faenol aims to assist children in learning how to care for and protect their environment. Caban Y Faenol is committed to promoting a safe and stimulating environment which acknowledges the importance of looking after the environment, both inside of the setting and beyond. Caban Y Faenol will develop children's understanding through stimulating activities, and will do this by:

- working with children to plan activities which stimulate their natural curiosity
- introduce information in a way that is appropriate for the age and developmental stage of the children

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- use a range of activities, play areas and themes in order to introduce messages and develop children's understanding of the environment and sustainability
- consider the types of materials used as part of the learning experiences, e.g. can we avoid using glitter or laminating? Do we really need to print these materials?
- plan local trips to introduce children to different environments within their community and develop their understanding of these areas, e.g. woodland, beach, nature reserve.
- use a range of activities, play areas and themes in order to introduce messages and develop children's understanding of how to care for living things, e.g. activities which encourage the planting and nurturing of plants and crops, feeding birds and caring for animals.
- follow the Animal Handling Policy where applicable.

Policy Objectives

1. Sustainable resource management
2. Pollution prevention
3. Compliance and Continual Improvement
4. Management Engagement
5. Sustainable Development
6. Community Involvement

In all our activities we will:

- Ensure environmental legislation is complied with, and fulfil any statutory environmental responsibilities.
- Reduce the use of natural resources including energy in its own buildings, vehicles and in all activities.
- Avoid waste and encourage the conservation, reuse and recycling of resources.
- Prevent environmental pollution from all its activities and influence others to do the same.
- Promote understanding and participation in environmental issues through education, information and consultation.

This Environmental Policy will be made available to all staff and other interested parties. We are committed to reducing harm to the environment through recycling.

In addition to recycling, the following steps should be taken to contribute towards the Environmental policy:

- Purchasing - The club will attempt to buy recyclable, recycled-content, less toxic and locally produced products whenever possible.
- Toner cartridges are returned to the supplier to be recycled.

Food Services

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When food or beverages are served, reusable dishes / recyclable plates and containers will be used where possible.

The staff kitchen areas shall also encourage the use of reusable dishes and cutlery.

Resources

- Staff should consider the impact of their actions before using particular resources, such as paper. E-documents are encouraged whenever possible.
- All documents should be printed double sided to reduce the amounts of paper used. Staff should avoid unnecessary printing.
- Lights, where possible should be shut off when not in use.
- Printers, photocopiers, televisions, gaming equipment and other electrical items (with the exception of the fridge) should be turned off at the mains overnight or when not otherwise in use.
- When the weather is warm, windows should be opened before making a decision to use fans. Fans should only be used when the weather is particularly hot.
- A Water butt will be used to collect rainwater which can be used for watering plants, mud kitchen water play etc.

Recycling and Sustainability

Caban Y Faenol aims to encourage best environmental practice, and to raise the children and our community's awareness of the importance of incorporating the principles of environmental stewardship and sustainability into their everyday lives.

Caban Y Faenol will:

- ensure that they follow and implement local recycling procedures. We will encourage children to use the correct receptacle for any waste.
- use recyclable waste to make junk models.
- use recycled or recyclable resources whenever practical.
- work to reduce waste from our day to day activities, e.g. food waste.
- choose not to use disposable plates and cups.
- follow the Local Authority's instructions on recycling / composting food waste
- ensure that paper and cardboard are reused and recycled
- follow local procedures for recycling glass, metals and plastics
- encourage staff and parents to use sustainable methods of transport
- communicate with parents through electronic means whenever possible

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- use labels / posters throughout the setting to remind staff and visitors to turn off the lights and taps.
- research and use other recycling facilities in your area, e.g. recycling batteries through a local shop / supermarket, cooperating with a local textile recycling company.

Community Links

Caban Y Faenol is committed to improving quality of life, both for its children and the local community.

We will:

- take advantage of opportunities to invite visitors to the setting to discuss their experiences, e.g. Nature Reserve Warden, Bin Man, local Craftspeople.
- take advantage of local resources to introduce a range of activities and information to the children, e.g. by visiting a garden centre, community garden or woodland.
- participate in community activities / festivals which promote environmental matters.
- encourage parents and other members of the community to share elements of their interests / expertise to the setting's activities.

Citizenship

Caban Y Faenol is committed to assisting staff and children in understanding their rights and responsibilities as citizens, both as local citizens and citizens of the world, and to developing respect towards others' rights and responsibilities. We will endeavour to introduce information and develop an understanding of the world around us, the people who inhabit it, and the individual's relationship with the environment.

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- use a range of activities, play areas and themes in the setting to introduce messages and develop the children's understanding of their rights and responsibilities.
- ensure that there is a variety of Welsh-medium resources introducing messages and developing the children's understanding, e.g. jig-saw, toys, books.
- promote and support a range of local and national days which promote environmental awareness, e.g. Fair Trade Week, Water Day (22nd March), Earth Day (22 April), World Food Day (16 October).
- follow and implement the **Smoke Free Policy**.

This environmental policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect changes in our activities, advancements in sustainable practices, and evolving environmental standards. Our management committee, manager and staff will ensure that the policy is effectively implemented and adhered to by all management, staff, visitors & users of the service. By adopting this environmental policy Caban Y Faenol CYF aims to demonstrate our commitment to protecting the environment for current and future generations.