

Energy Policy

Low Ash Primary School



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1. Policy Statement

Low Ash Primary School is committed to responsible energy management as part of an overall environmental policy to make the best use of natural resources.

By efficient management of energy, **Low Ash Primary School** aims to minimise:

- energy use
- energy costs
- environmental impact of harmful emissions
- depletion of fossil fuel resources

while maintaining operational goals and providing an acceptable working environment for staff and pupils within the legal limits.

The school is committed to achieving 'good practice' standard on energy performance in its buildings measured against published benchmarks for primary education establishments. To this end the school will provide senior level commitment, an appropriate management structure and cost effective resources to achieve these standards which will contribute to continuous environmental improvement and longer term sustainability.

2. Strategic Objectives

1. To purchase energy at the most competitive and advantageous rates to the school.
2. To use energy as efficiently as possible by all users by no cost measures.
3. To include energy efficiency in the design of all new buildings, refurbishments and equipment.
4. To comply with all UK and EU Legislation, Codes of Practice and Building Regulations in relation to energy efficiency. The school will arrange for an annual assessment to enable it to display a 'Display Energy Certificate' (DEC), which is a requirement off all public buildings including schools. The school will then use the findings of this assessment to try to reduce its carbon footprint.
5. To minimise gaseous emissions and waste products which are harmful to the environment.
6. To raise awareness of energy efficiency among staff, students and other users at Low Ash Primary School.
7. Look at alternative sustainability sources of energy.

3. Operating Principles

1. Responsibility Structure

- Day-to-day monitoring of energy using plant and equipment is the responsibility of the Site Manager.
- The efficient use of energy is the responsibility of all staff and all pupils.

2. Energy Procurement

Is via the recommendation of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

3. Investment

School will invest in energy saving schemes and products.

4. Monitoring and Targeting

Monitoring of utility bills is the responsibility of the School Business Manager.

5. Maintenance / Plant Control

- Boilers, chillers, compressors, distribution systems and energy using equipment will be correctly and regularly maintained to achieve maximum efficiency.
- Plant and equipment will have appropriate controls to minimise energy use.
- Maintenance of the solar panels is the responsibility of British Gas.

6. Awareness/Training

- Regular awareness and motivation campaigns will be run for staff and pupils. A key aspect will be the involvement of pupils in designing and running campaigns as an integral element of their studies.

7. Training

The school will access appropriate training courses via the LA.

Signed..... Chair of Governors