

# ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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## RISE LEARNING ZONE

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RISE recognises that its activities impact upon the environment through its operations, its development, and through its influence on the wider community and acknowledges a responsibility for, and a commitment to, protection of the environment at all levels.

RISE will comply fully with environmental legislation and in addition will,

- Adopt and apply the principles of “sustainable development” – defined as “development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.
- Adopt a total “cradle to grave” assessment and responsibility for our products and services,
- Minimise the resources used in its operational activities and promote the use of sustainable, recycled, recyclable and environmentally friendly resources,
- Minimise waste and pollution, operate environmentally sound waste management procedures,
- Develop and manage long term strategies for energy efficiency,
- Develop and manage long term strategies for sustainability,
- Encourage modes of transport by which minimise environmental impact,
- Maintain the grounds and buildings of RISE in an environmentally sensitive way,
- Promote awareness of environmental responsibilities among staff and residents,
- Work with other agencies as appropriate to promote environmental policies,
- Encourage suppliers and contractors to behave in a responsible manner and to maintain sound environmental practices,
- Establish an environmental management system (ISO 14001)

Progress in implementing this policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.