

### ECO

#### Intent

Eco-Schools is an environmental education programme managed in England by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, the anti-litter campaign for England. Eco-Schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a simple framework to help make sustainability an integral part of school life. The Eco-Schools framework is based on nine key areas: energy, water, biodiversity, school grounds, healthy living, transport, litter, waste and global citizenship.

Schools work through the Eco-Schools framework to achieve the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, which is the highest level of recognition for environmental action and sustainability in schools.

At Woodside Academy, we aim to develop environmentally responsible pupils who understand the importance of protecting the planet. Through curriculum learning and enrichment opportunities, pupils build awareness of sustainability, biodiversity, conservation and responsible use of resources. We encourage pupils to recognise the impact of their actions on the environment and understand how they can contribute positively to their local and global communities.

#### Implementation

Eco education is embedded across the curriculum through subjects such as science, geography, design and technology and art. Across Years 1 to 6, pupils explore themes including plants and habitats, ecosystems, sustainable food, climate awareness and responsible use of materials through planned curriculum links.

In addition, pupils participate in whole-school eco initiatives and national campaigns throughout the year, including litter picking, recycling projects, the Big Battery Hunt and environmental awareness activities. These experiences allow pupils to apply their learning in practical contexts and develop responsibility for their school environment.

#### Impact

Pupils develop a strong awareness of environmental issues and understand how their actions can support sustainability. They demonstrate respect for their surroundings, take part in initiatives that care for the environment and make informed choices about resources and waste. The school's commitment to environmental education is recognised through achieving the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award, which reflects the ongoing involvement of pupils in improving the school environment and promoting sustainable practices.