

Aboyne Lodge School Association (ALSA) Eco-Policy

Aboyne Lodge School Association (ALSA) has begun a journey towards greater sustainable development. Sustainable development means meeting the needs of all people now – including protecting the natural habitats that are essential to our survival – without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

Our sustainable ambitions are high but this is the beginning of our journey so change will be delivered as quickly as possible. However, we still have some stock of plastic which will be used but no longer purchased.

ALSA areas of sustainable priority will be:

Food:

- Always provide plant based and vegetarian options
- Provided seasonably produced food
- Try to compost any food waste
- Encourage reuse of cups and bottles.
- Discourage the use of plastic packaging for bake sales.

Waste:

- Promote reuse as much as possible
- Offer incentives for attendees to reuse (cups, bottles etc)
- Operate washing stations and rehydration station to reduce waste
- Ensure recycling facilities are provided and used correctly

Plastic

- Limit the use of single use plastic as much as possible
- If needed buy cans or cartons of juice rather than bottles.
- Do not use polystyrene
- Ensure recycling stations provided

Purchasing:

- Consider the message the items bought to sell to the children is giving to the children about creating a sustainable world.
- Offer plastic free alternatives as much as possible - for prizes and gifts for example
- Source products locally where possible
- Consider transportation of items to reduce transportation miles as much as possible
- Considered reuse or 2nd hand where possible

Clothing:

- Encourage the recycling of uniform by holding 2nd hand uniform/Christmas jumper sales
- Discourage “fast fashion” culture by no longer using bags2school

Events:

- Consider the environmental impact of events as important as fundraising potential