

Songbirds Day Nursery Sustainability Report

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Introduction

At Songbirds Day Nursery, we believe that caring for the planet is just as important as caring for our children. This report highlights the steps we've taken to make our nursery more sustainable and outlines our goals for the future.

Energy & Water Use

- **LED Lighting Installed:** All rooms now use energy-efficient LED bulbs, reducing electricity consumption by 20%. Communal areas have sensors.
- **Smart Thermostats:** Heating is now controlled more efficiently, keeping rooms comfortable while saving energy.
- **Lighting reduction:** All lights to be turned off when not in rooms. All rooms have soft lighting “fairy lights” to create a swarmer feel while being more eco-friendly.

Waste Reduction & Recycling

- **Recycling Stations:** Children and staff sort paper, plastic, and food waste into clearly marked bins.
- **Composting:** Food scraps from snack time are composted in our garden compost bin, or fed to the chickens.
- **Paper”less” Communication:** Newsletters and updates are now sent via Famly to reduce paper use. Back-to-back printing wherever possible.

Outdoor Learning & Green Spaces

- **Garden Expansion:** We've added raised beds in Forest School for growing herbs and vegetables with the children.
- **Bug Hotel & Bird Feeders:** These encourage biodiversity and teach children about local wildlife.
- **Nature Walks:** Weekly nature walks help children connect with the environment.

Sustainable Supplies & Snacks

- **Eco-Friendly Products:** To introduce biodegradable cleaning supplies and recycled paper products.
- **Healthy, Local Snacks:** Fruit and vegetables are sourced from local suppliers where possible.

Community & Education

- **Eco-Themed Activities:** Children learn about recycling, nature, and sustainability through play and storytelling.
- **Charity Drives:** We partnered with a local reuse charity to donate gently used toys and clothes.

Final Thoughts

We're proud of the progress we've made and excited to continue our sustainability journey. By teaching children to care for the planet, we're planting seeds for a greener future.