



Dolce Casa Montessori

Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility Policy

At Dolce Casa Montessori, we recognise the importance of caring for our environment and nurturing children's respect for the natural world.

Sustainability is embedded into our daily practice rather than treated as a separate initiative. Through thoughtful routines, meaningful experiences, and positive role modelling, we aim to reduce our environmental impact and help children develop a lifelong connection with nature.

We believe that small, consistent actions shared between staff, children, and families can make a meaningful difference.

Our Approach to Sustainability

Dolce Casa Montessori promotes sustainability through everyday practice, exploration, and example. We take reasonable and practical steps to reduce waste, conserve resources, and encourage environmentally responsible behaviour.

This approach reflects our Montessori values of care, responsibility, independence, and respect for the world around us.

Practical Sustainability Measures

We support sustainability by:

- Turning off lights, electrical devices, and equipment when not in use
- Reducing paper use wherever possible and using digital communication with families
- Encouraging mindful use of water, particularly during warmer months
- Using recycling bins and teaching children the purpose of recycling through daily routines
- Separating waste into:
 - Recycling
 - Food waste
 - General waste
- Reusing, repairing, or donating items that are in good condition rather than disposing of them

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- Using energy-saving cycles on appliances where possible
- Reducing use of tumble dryers and air-drying items when appropriate
- Minimising single-use plastics and choosing reusable or wipeable alternatives wherever possible

Children, Nature & Learning

Children are encouraged to develop an appreciation of the natural world through:

- Outdoor play and nature-based experiences
- Observation of plants, insects, and seasonal changes
- Using natural, recycled, and loose-parts materials in play
- Growing and caring for plants, herbs, or vegetables where possible
- Using books, stories, and conversations to support understanding of the environment
- Local walks and exploration of nearby green spaces

Sustainability is explored through hands-on experience, not formal teaching, in line with Montessori principles.

Working in Partnership with Families

- Families are encouraged to support sustainable habits at home where possible
- Parents/carers are welcome to share ideas, resources, or practices that support environmental responsibility
- Sustainability updates are shared informally through conversations, newsletters, or daily communication

Evidence is shown through:

- Daily practice
- Children's experiences
- Staff understanding
- Conversations with families

Staff Role Modelling

Staff support sustainability by:

- Demonstrating respect for the environment
- Making thoughtful choices about resources and materials
- Encouraging children to care for their surroundings
- Modelling responsible behaviours such as recycling, conserving water, and caring for plants