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FairAchiever Award:

Adopt a Fairtrade Policy

Your school's Fairtrade Policy is a record of why the school is making a commitment to Fairtrade, and what the school would like to do to support Fairtrade. Some parts of it might be set in stone, while others might be aspirational, but it commits the school to its support for Fairtrade.



The Fairtrade Policy should be –

What?

included in the school's improvement or development plans

Why?

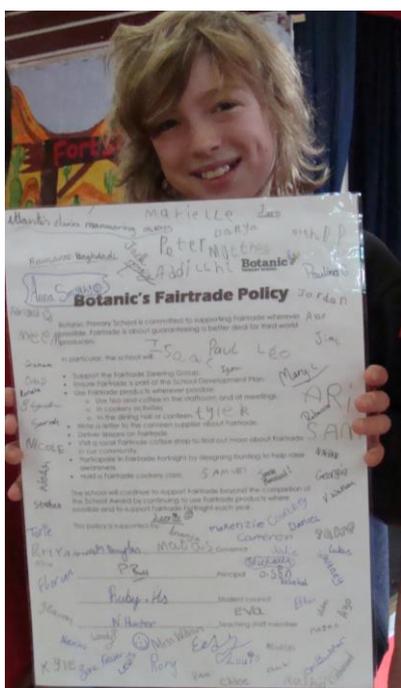
to encourage whole school involvement

approved by the Governors, and signed by a young person and the head teacher

so there's buy-in from key decision-makers

shared with the school

so everyone knows about Fairtrade and can get involved



Tips for developing your policy

- The policy is your school's chance to list its hopes and dreams for Fairtrade in school – so don't be afraid to start small then get much bigger!
- Your school can adopt a standard School Fairtrade Policy or develop your own using a template, then share it in assembly or on a display
- Some schools list Fairtrade products they'd like to look at – such as investigating switching to Fairtrade cotton uniform, or fruit or juice in the canteen
- Review and update your school's Fairtrade Policy every three years or when renewing your FairAchiever Award

Thank you to St Robert Southwell RC Primary School in North West London, whose Fairtrade Policy inspired our Standard Fairtrade Policy.



Standard School Fairtrade Policy

Our school is committed to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade, wherever possible. We believe that Fairtrade can make a difference to the lives of young people throughout the world by improving living and working conditions for the people who grow the things we buy.

Our school will

- Ensure that Fairtrade and Fairtrade issues, and the concept of 'fairness', are embedded into the curriculum and in whole school activities, and the culture of the school.
- Promote Fairtrade in the school and wider community, by taking part in Fairtrade Fortnight, completing Fairtrade Challenges and highlighting Fairtrade activities in newsletters
- Ensure Fairtrade is part of the School Improvement Plan
- Use Fairtrade products around the school wherever possible:
 - in the staffroom, at meetings and events we run in school or in the community
 - ingredients in cookery lessons
 - in the canteen and catering outlets
 - for PE equipment
- Explore using uniforms made with Fairtrade cotton
- Use the Fairtrade Schools Award identities where allowed on the website and stationery
- Put this Policy into practice through a Fairtrade Group that meets regularly to:
 - monitor and drive forward the school's support for Fairtrade
 - make sure those connected with our school are aware of this Policy and can support it
 - take responsibility for Fairtrade Challenges and the Fairtrade Action Plan

This Policy is supported by (name)	(signature)	(on behalf of)
		The Board of Governors
		The Head teacher
		The Staff
		The School Council
		The Parent Teacher Association

Date agreed: