

Environmental & Sustainability Policy

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Approved by: Mama2Mama Board of Trustees

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Charity Number: 1199777

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1. Policy statement

Mama2Mama Baby Essentials is committed to protecting the environment, reducing waste and promoting sustainable practices across its charitable activities. Through the collection and redistribution of pre-loved baby and children's essentials, we extend the useful life of donated goods, reduce unnecessary waste and support a circular economy.

We aim to minimise the environmental impact of our operations while providing safe, accessible and essential services to families in need.

2. Scope

This policy applies to our baby bank, donation collection and storage operations, Café 51 Community Hub, community programmes, staff, volunteers and relevant contractors.

3. Our environmental commitments

Waste reduction and reuse

- Prioritise the reuse and redistribution of safe, suitable donated clothing, toys, equipment and other essentials.
- Encourage donations of clean, usable items and minimise unnecessary packaging and single-use materials.
- Recycle where practical and dispose of items unsuitable for reuse through appropriate waste arrangements.

Responsible purchasing

- Consider durability, reusability, repairability and environmental impact when buying goods and supplies.
- Consider local suppliers where practical, balancing sustainability with safety, quality, affordability and beneficiary needs.

Energy and water

- Encourage efficient use of electricity, heating and water at our premises.
- Switch off unnecessary lighting and equipment, maintain equipment appropriately and explore feasible efficiency improvements.

Transport and collections

- Plan collections and deliveries efficiently, consolidating journeys where practical.
- Work with local partners and volunteers to support efficient redistribution.

Café 51 and community activities

- Encourage recycling, responsible stock management and food-waste reduction.
- Use reusable serving materials where practical and encourage visitors and activity providers to use resources responsibly.
- Consider sustainability when sourcing equipment and activity materials.

4. Environmental awareness

We encourage staff, volunteers, partners and service users to practise responsible consumption, reuse, recycling and waste reduction through our charitable work and community engagement.

5. Legal compliance

We will seek to comply with applicable UK environmental and waste-management requirements. Environmental measures must not compromise safeguarding, hygiene, product safety or the wellbeing of families.

6. Monitoring and improvement

Where practical, we will monitor donated goods collected and redistributed, waste-reduction and recycling opportunities, energy and resource efficiency, and improvements in purchasing and operations. We will use this information to identify practical improvements.

7. Responsibility and governance

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for approving and overseeing this policy. The Chief Executive Officer supports its implementation, and staff, volunteers and relevant delivery partners are expected to follow it.

8. Review

This policy is reviewed annually, or earlier if significant legislative or operational changes require it. The next review is due by 3rd November 2027.

Trustee approval

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Reuse. Reduce. *Rethink.*

Every pre-loved item we pass on is one less item wasted, and one more family supported.

We reduce waste, reuse what we can and make careful choices, without ever compromising the safety and dignity of the families we serve.



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