

# FOOTPRINT

Hill House School

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Promoting happy, healthy and sustainable living at Hill House and beyond.

## PRE-LOVED

There is no doubt that buying second-hand or pre-loved goods is better for the environment but it also has a feel-good factor.

As part of our efforts to be more sustainable, some homes and individual students at Hill House recently received "new" cameras. With just a little research, we were able to source good quality second-hand cameras complete with a 2-year warranty for a considerable cost saving compared to brand new.



This is not the only example of how Hill House are embracing the 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycle.)

Unique finds can often be found by browsing charity shops or pre-loved listing sites online. Oaks recently replaced their lounge furniture with a second-hand 3-seater leather sofa, a 2-seater sofa, a chair AND a footstool, all for the bargain price of only £300!

Other homes have benefitted from the addition of smaller items new-to-them and even repainted furniture to give it a new lease of life.



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It's not just the homes. A few visits to the Oakhaven Hospice shop and a quick look on Gumtree yielded several pieces of furniture in need of a new home. The young people in College 1 are now the proud owners of a pine table, some new armchairs and a set of coffee tables. The Sixth Form common room have a comfy pre-loved sofa and staff are shortly going to be enjoying a "new-to-them" leather sofa in the Staff Room, thanks to a generous donation from a member of the local community.



It doesn't have to be just furniture. Willows recently offered a large amount of Lego to a new home and, with spring almost here, now is a good time for everyone to do the same and have a clear out.

Magazines are a great way to pass some free time for staff and students. A call has been put out for age-appropriate reading material to put in the School Library or to use for art projects. Less for landfill and more resources for Hill House!

