## FOOTPRINT

Hill House School

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

## COMMUNITY COHESION

As migration, economic growth, and climate change alter the shape of our towns and local communities, it is more important than ever that we support and promote cohesion. As a <u>One Planet Living</u>® school, Hill House aim to build strong connections, add value, and respond to the needs of our local community whenever possible.



Hill House has a thriving, cohesive community of its own where we foster a sense of belonging and increased independence, promote self-regulation and discovery, and encourage our young people to have a voice. We aim to achieve this through the school curriculum – where we nurture a culture of sustainability and responsibility – and participation in activities in school or at home, in cooperation with other schools, and "out and about" on trips and visits.

Through clear governance structures and management systems, we have also been able to incorporate One Planet Living principles into Individual Education Plans and staff induction and supervisions, as well as our School Development Plan and Quality Improvement Plans.

## What have we done so far?

Work experience at the New Forest Fruit Farm offered the chance for some of our young people to spend time in a real working environment, helping to recycle pallets and plant out seedlings. <u>New Forest Fruit Farm</u> are a local business employing a multi-national team who support biodiversity, ecofriendly products and recycling initiatives.











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As an integral part of the village community, some of our young people also participated in the Christmas Market at the local primary school where they hosted a craft stall selling gifts handmade from recycled products such as pot pourri made from dried orange peel and wooden tree decorations.



We also have strong links with the local Parish Council where our young people have represented Hill House School at a meeting and ties with our popular village community shop through regular work experience opportunities and as an outlet for their hard work.

Our young people have recently been busy potting up plants to brighten up local gardens and patios this summer. Pilley Community Store very kindly offered to sell them on our behalf and all monies raised will be invested back into our school allotment!





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