



## Green Schools and their impact on the learning process



Every human being is drawn to beauty. Children, whose discovery of the world is ongoing, even more so. Green environment is beneficial to psychological wellbeing of both children and adults, and environmentally friendly school infrastructure fosters better understanding and appreciation for nature.

In today's education, emotional intelligence, psychological understanding of the surrounding environment, and contact with sustainable practices from early childhood is an essential part of raising a healthy and eco-conscious generation.

### Principles of the Green School

Green School is not just about landscaping and greening the surrounding infrastructure. Green School is an experience which should be available to children from every aspect of the classroom and schoolyard life. Therefore, apart from creating green spaces through tree planting, greenhouse construction and gardening, Green Schools initiative creates a healthy environment through clean energy, solar water heating, efficient waste management, and outdoor recreational and sport installations.

To ensure that the Green School model is replicable across the country, the initiative builds upon gender sensitive and community based practices, while providing capacity building and trainings to all participating stakeholders.



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environment**

### Landscaping

The school yard plays a significant role in the learning process as part of the school's physical environment. Children spend a lot of time outdoors in-between learning sessions, and the school yard as a place of rest and refreshment should be able to provide the following benefits:

1. Availability of various physical activities must ensure that children return to the classroom with replenished energy to learn.
2. The students must enjoy spending time in the school yard and have a safe and healthy environment for socialising and interacting with nature.
3. Orchards, gardens and flower beds in the yard contribute to clean air, pleasant humidity and shade in the summer months. They also protect against extreme winds, dust, noise, and reduce heat in the area by about 40%.