

## **Fantasy Castles – Our statement of intent regarding plastic waste**

As a family ran company, we care deeply about the future for our children and understand that small steps we can take ourselves will contribute to making big changes for the Environment we live in. We want our Children and their Children's, Children to grow up in a healthy environment and be mindful of how they can protect their World.

Our mission is to reduce plastic waste by reusing, recycling, reducing, and replacing as many plastic items as possible that our company uses.

We are committed to looking at new ways in which we can do this by researching new products and methods, adapting how we work and ensuring any waste we do have is disposed correctly and recycled.

### **In order to meet our commitments, we will:**

#### **Reuse**

- We have already replaced our usual sanitising and cleaning sprays with a concentrated product which we dilute down and re-fill our spray bottles with. We were easily discarding 3-10 bottles a month before and now we have zero waste.
- We promote on our website a local company who provide reusable partyware for parents to book for their parties rather than using disposable plastic ones.

#### **Replace**

- We have already replaced our single use baby-wipes, cleaning wipes and cotton buds for reusable alternatives – washable bamboo face wipes, silicone applicators with our face painting and cotton towels for cleaning of equipment.
- Staff also use reusable drinking containers at work instead of plastic cups etc.
- We only use latex balloons; we do not use foil or any other type of balloons. Latex balloons are biodegradable and come from a natural, sustainable resource. We do not condone or provide balloons for releasing or balloons with ribbons.
- We also have created a Facebook group called 'Pass the balloon' which we advertise to all our clients. This group encourages people to 'pass on' their unwanted party decorations/balloons to reduce waste.

#### **Reduce**

- We seek out suppliers that sell refills for our face painting supplies rather than full products with all the packaging. We also decant and refill our existing pallets now rather than completely replacing them.

#### **Recycle**

- By separating our waste and recycling as much material as we can and minimising the amount of plastic we use.
- When our bouncy castles are at their end of life, they are taken to a local company that can be recycled and made into other items such as bags, beach toys and paddling pools.

We also take every opportunity we can to share our knowledge with other entertainment companies via Social Media groups, our colleagues, and clients too.

### **Who is responsible?**

Company Director, Louie Croston will be implementing and monitoring this policy throughout and ensuring any sub-contractors also operate to our policy.

Louie will review the policy on an annual basis to check for effectiveness and relevance.