



# Eco Fact Sheet

Doing the right thing  
for the planet.



We're working to transition all of our existing stocked products over to 'eco' by 2025 with any new products automatically developed as an 'eco' product. While we work on communicating all our amazing progress with you, it's important for us to be clear on what we mean by 'eco' and 'sustainable' uniform and sportswear.

# 'Eco' or 'Sustainable' Fabrics

So, here's everything you need to know. Our aim is to transition all the fabrics we use over to more sustainable versions while still maintaining the quality look, feel and performance we're known for.



## Recycled Polyester

We're utilising recycled polyester to construct our garments where possible. Our current recycled polyester comes from recycled plastic bottles; however we are open to using recycled polyester from other resources such as recycled clothes.

We make sure that all of our recycled polyester is GRS certified, meaning the recycling and fabric production processes used to make our recycled polyester adhere to strict recycling procedures. The GRS also govern the standard of the recycled content that goes into our garments.



## Better Cotton

When you see a Better Cotton logo, you know that you are supporting sustainable farming of cotton and purchasing from a Better Cotton member who is investing in Better Cotton.

At Banner, we are dedicated to improving cotton farming practices globally with Better Cotton. Their mission is to help cotton communities survive and thrive, while protecting and restoring the environment.

Better Cotton is sourced via a system of mass balance and is not physically traceable to end products.

We are committed to sourcing 50% of our cotton as Better Cotton by 2025.



## Biodegradable Viscose

Where possible we use biodegradable viscose. Viscose is a natural material derived from plants and will biodegrade after 20 -25 years.



## Like-for-Like Fabrics

There are times when won't be able to find a suitable like-for-like sustainable fabric for our garments, in this case we will look at alternative fabrications like the ones listed on this page, but will ensure that the product still performs to our high quality standards.



# Our Packaging



## Swing tickets

All swing tickets are made using FSC card, meaning it comes from a well-managed and sustainable source.



## Polybags

We are aiming to transition our polybags to 100% recycled content and are committed to removing single-use plastic wherever we can.



## Packaging and Hangers

We're investigating recycled materials and packaging for our products. For example our shirts and blouse packaging is made from 100% recycled content and can be fully recycled after use at the correct facilities. We're also investigating recycled plastic hangers for our garments.



# Our factories

## Sedex Members

All our factories that supply our brochure stock are members of Sedex. Sedex is one of the world's leading ethical trade service providers working to improve the working conditions in global supply chains.

## Sedex SMETA Audits

These audits assess 'standards of labour, health and safety, environment and business ethics'. The advanced 4-Pillar Audit includes extended environmental standards and business ethics. 74% of these Tier 1 Wholesale Suppliers have completed both Sedex 2 and 4-Pillar SMETA or equivalent audits.

# Our testing

We put our garments through a 50 wash test with an independent testing facility. This is to ensure that our products stand the test of time and consistently offer the same quality we're known for.



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