

## Climate Action Plan 2025

As part of the Department for Education's (DfE) requirements, the plan will need to include at least one action from these four key areas:

1. Decarbonisation- The actions could help you reduce carbon emissions that are caused by your school
2. Biodiversity – The actions help to improve habitat and biodiversity around your school
3. Adaptation and resilience- These actions help to understand the impacts of climate change on the school and what might be done to improve the schools resilience to weather impacts like flooding and overheating through adaptation measures
4. Climate education and green careers goals – The actions will help you build capacity on climate change and its impact within school

Additional:

5. Active and sustainable travel – These actions help to understand how travel can impact on climate change
6. Air quality – These actions relate directly to improving air quality in and around the school to benefit all stakeholders
7. Waste consumption and recycling- These actions seek to reduce waste and consumption and improve recycling in school
8. Food – These actions will seek to reduce meat consumption and food waste

	Area	Action	Steps	Timeline for action or completion date	Resources
<b>Decarbonisation</b> <i>taking action to reduce carbon emissions</i>	Lighting	Reduce carbon emissions in our building by changing the lights bulbs to LED	Undertake audit of the current situation and discuss and develop options to replace the light bulbs	Two years	Climate Action Decarbonisation Plan Guide website



	Heating	planning and assess buildings for draughts and leaks to reduce heating demand	Assess building for areas of heat loss  Make small changes to help prevent heat loss e.g draft excluders  Use energy saving trust for more tips	6 months	Energy Saving trust website for ideas  Cost free
	Heating	Planning and assess we are using our existing heating systems	Check that the buildings management and heating systems are running	6 months	Site assistant and HT  Cost: free
	Teaching	Reduce carbon emissions in the building by teaching lessons outside	Plan a lesson outdoors. Make the most of the outdoor environments and take the children outside.	1 day	Teachers and SLT  Teach outdoors education through outdoor learning website  Institute for Outdoor learning-Home (outdoor learning.org)  <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i>



	Lighting	Change behaviours in the school by running a 'switch off' campaign	Encourage children and staff to turn off lights and monitors. Provide information to parents/ carers in newsletters	One month	Cost: Free Staff and SLT  Switch off Fortnight Free 2024- Teacher Guidance -Twinkl website  <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i>  Cost: Free
<b>Biodiversity</b> <i>Engaging with the National Education Nature Park</i>	Teaching	Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by joining an online biodiversity network	Sign up to Education Nature Park for more resources	1 day	SLT  Cost: Free  Education Nature Park website
	Teaching	Increase our schools knowledge of biodiversity by starting a gardening club	Locate an area to garden Grow plants and get children involved in maintenance and harvest	seasonal	SLT and Penguin staff  Cost: Free  Simple gardening club ideas/ RHS Campaign for



					<p>School Gardening website</p> <p><i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i></p>
	Teaching	Increase biodiversity on school grounds by rewilding areas of the school grounds	<p>Select an area of ground suitable for rewilding Decide what type of rewilding (Wildflower field, insect hotels etc) Buy native plants, stop using chemicals and pesticides Let the area grow Educate staff and children on its maintenance</p>	seasonal	<p>Teaching staff, site assistant and Penguin staff</p> <p>Cost: Free</p> <p>How to make your garden wilder/rewilding Britain website</p> <p>Operation future hope website</p>
	Teaching	Increase biodiversity on school grounds by growing food at your school	<p>Locate an area to grow food. Grow food and get staff and children involved in the maintenance Distribute food for children to eat</p>	1-12 months	<p>Staff</p> <p>Cost: Low</p> <p>Food Growing and Gardening / edible Rotherhithe website</p>



					Who we are/ Food Growing Schools London website
<p><b>Adaptation and resilience</b> <i>taking action to reduce the risk of flooding and overheating</i></p>	Planning	Develop emergency response plans to build resilience in school	Establish protocols for rapid recovery after climate events. Ensure you are proactively planning to mitigate risk for vulnerable staff and children including those with pre-existing health and social vulnerabilities	1-3 months	<p>SLT</p> <p>Cost: Free/ Low Emergency planning and response for education, childcare and children's social care settings- GOV.UK (<a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>Local Authority Climate Service (<a href="http://metoffice.gov.uk">metoffice.gov.uk</a>)</p> <p>Provides helpful information on what hazards might make you at risk</p> <p>Local Climate Adaptation Tool (<a href="http://lcat.uk">lcat.uk</a>)</p>



	Planning	Monitor heat in classrooms	Install heat monitors Identify when dangerous heat levels are reached React to levels with appropriate policy and procedure	1 week	SLT  Cost: Low
	Planning	Create policy to relax dress code in periods of hot weather	Encourage children to wear loose, light-coloured clothing. Sunhats Sunscreen	1 day	All staff  Cost: Free  Hot weather and heatwaves: guidance for schools and other education settings- The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)  <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i>
	Planning	Increase the school's knowledge of resilience and adaptation by raising awareness and educating	Integrate climate education into the curriculum. Involve students and staff in resilience- building activities	1 month	SLT  Cost: Free  <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i>
	Planning	Increase the school's knowledge of resilience and	Run a campaign within your school. This could	1 month	SLT



		adaptation by promoting water conservation practices.	include posters or newsletters about conserving and not wasting water.		Cost: Free Conserving water/ RHS Campaign for School Gardening  The Pod / Water week (jointhepod.org)
	Planning	Prepare our school for the physical impacts of overheating from climate by installing shading	Purchase shading (sail) Install and train staff on how to maintain. Encourage pupils to use during hot weather	Seasonal	SLT and site assistant  Cost: Dependant on shading chosen
<b>Climate education</b> <i>Making sure the education provided gives knowledge rich and comprehensive teaching about climate change.</i>	Teaching	Share with staff and children what climate change action is being taken by sharing plan and promoting successes and achievements	Assemblies newsletters	1 day	SLT  Cost: Free
	Teaching	Increase our schools knowledge of climate change initiatives by joining a climate network	Research networks and decide which is the best to for your school to keep up to date with latest	One day then ongoing	Teaching staff and SLT



			information and opportunities. Sign up to the network and start engaging		Cost: free  UK Climate Change – Let's Go Zero (letsgozero.org)  Home – Eco Schools (eco-schools.org.uk)
	Teaching	Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by teaching climate change beyond the limitations of the classroom	Use resources to find ways to learn outside of the classroom	1 day	Teaching staff and penguin staff  Cost: Free  Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre website
<b>Active and sustainable travel</b> <i>Improve air quality</i>	Travel	Encourage active travel by providing bike/ scooter storage	Locate suitable and secure space within school grounds Install and use	2 months	SLT  Cost; Dependant on cost of shelter and storage
<b>Air quality</b>	Planning	Create an asthma friendly school plan Adopt a policy for inhaler techniques and emergency treatment	Collect a register of all children with asthma	1 week	Admin staff  Cost: Free



		Create a system for identifying children who are missing from school because of asthma				
<b>Waste, consumption and recycling</b>	Reduce	Reduce waste by banning single use plastics in school kitchen	Replace plastic cutlery with reusable cutlery	1 day	SLT  Cost: Low  How to Reduce Plastic at the School Canteen- Plastic Free July website	
	Reduce	Reduce waste by banning single use plastic water bottles	Get school branded water bottles Ensure access to fresh drinking water for refills	1 week	SLT  Cost: Low	
	Reduce	Reduce waste by lowering single use plastic	Review the schools procurement policy and identify any single use plastics that can be eliminated	1 week ongoing	SLT  Cost: Low	
	Reuse	Encourage reuse and running second-hand uniform event	Run a uniform event at school for second hand uniform	1 week	PTA  Cost: Free	
			Increase recycling by setting up a recycling hub	Take part in The Green School Project	1 week ongoing	SLT  Cost: Low



					The Green School Project – Terracycle website
	Reduce	Increase recycling by improving recycling facilities in the school	Ensure that all classrooms have a recycling bin  Recruit dedicated recycling monitors to support staff and children	1 week	Teaching and SLT staff  Cost: Low
<b>Food</b>	Reduce	Reduce food waste by composting food waste at school	Get a compost bin Use the compost for school grounds	1 week ongoing	Teaching staff and penguin staff  Cost: Free  Get your school composting for free website
	Promote	Promote plants and reduce meat consumption by having a no meat day each week	Have a no meat day at lunch Teach about the benefits of reduced meat and more plants in their diet	1 week ongoing	Teaching staff, catering staff and Penguin staff  Cost: Free  <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i>



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