



Avenue Primary School

Action Plan 2024-25: Sustainable Schools and Climate Change Action Plan

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Issue that needs tackling	Your overall action	Breakdown of tasks	Resources needed (time, money, people)	Start	End	Comments
Climate education and green skills	- Support teachers with embedding climate education in their existing curriculum - Develop teachers' confidence in teaching about climate change - Develop students' knowledge and skills relating to climate change - Develop students' knowledge and skills relating to climate justice - Empower and enable young people to take climate action	1. Look at school vision and check that it includes aspects relating to climate change. 2. Creating strong curriculum links so that learning and understanding is embedded as often as possible. 3. Have the eco committee share with the rest of the school what they have been doing to spread awareness.	Eco committee	Jan 2025	Ongoing	Jan 2025- MS to start eco committee and this be one of the first things they look at to help promote awareness throughout the school.
Energy	- To increase energy efficiency of the school site - Increase use of renewable energy sources on the school site	1. Complete 'climate friendly schools' energy audit 2. Complete pupil surveys 3. Complete energy spot checks to promote lights		Jan 2025	Ongoing	Jan 2025- Staff and pupils are mindful about energy usage but this perhaps needs to be more consistent across the



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	Create a positive culture and influence behaviour change around reducing energy use	- and electrical appliances being turned off when not in use. 4. Monitor the use of solar panels. 5. Ensure, where possible, that energy efficient bulbs are being used.				school. Eco committee to complete some work to promote saving energy and energy usage.
Travel	- Encourage journeys taken by walking, cycling and public transport - Create a positive culture and behaviour change around transport use	1. Complete 'climate friendly schools' travel audit 2. Set up walk to school for classes- monitor use to encourage engagement 3. 'No cars day' September 2024 4. Year 6 to complete bike ability.		Sept 2024	Ongoing	Jan 2025- Walk to school is set up but perhaps needs pushing. MS to email staff to encourage use.
Biodiversity	- Increase or enhance green space on the school site or nearby - Connect students and staff with nature - Develop knowledge and skills relating to biodiversity and growing/gardening	1. Complete 'climate friendly schools' biodiversity audit 2. Complete regular growing and gardening with the school grounds. 3. Through science learning children have the opportunity to discover		Jan 2025	Ongoing	Jan 2025 There is a timetable in place to make sure that all year group are completing some form of growing/ gardening throughout the year. Science planning throughout all year groups



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		the biodiversity in our school, thinking about habitats, food chains and animals. 4. Maintain 'wildlife garden' to make sure it encourages wildlife.				shows learning looking at biodiversity.
Waste and consumption	- Reduce the amount of waste produced on the school site - Influence behaviour changes and create a positive culture around reducing waste and overconsumption of resources - Develop knowledge around waste and resource overconsumption and how they link to the climate and ecological emergency	1. Complete 'climate friendly schools' waste audit 2. Ensure recycling is happening in all classes and children are aware of why we recycle. 3. Try and reduce the use of single use plastics by sharing information in head teachers' newsletters and conducting a campaign across the school. 4. Complete regular litter picks on the school grounds and surrounding community.		Jan 2025	Ongoing	Jan 2025 All classes have recycling bins and use these regularly. Eco committee to promote reducing waste. MS to organise litter picking across the whole school, both in the school grounds and in the local area.



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Food	• Reduce the amount of food waste produced during lunch times. • To promote low carbon lunches through more plant-based meals on the school menu.	1. Use vegetables grown in the school grounds for cooking activities. 2. Having meat free days on the school menu. 3. Run a campaign to reduce food waste. Eco committee to share ideas in assembly and investigate the amount of food waste at lunch times.		Jan 2025	Ongoing	Jan 2025 Planting of vegetables has been completed- vegetables to be used to make products to sell at our farmers markets in the spring term. Eco committee to complete a project on food waste.
School grounds	• To promote learning outside throughout the curriculum. • To utilise the outdoor space, we have.	1. Year 2 and 5 pupils to take part in forest schools. 2. Subject leaders to factor in elements of outdoor learning across the curriculum and providing evidence of this in children's learning. 3. Completing regular planting and growing to help enhance green spaces around the school.		Sept 2024	Ongoing	Jan 2025 MS to look into planning/ speak to phase leaders about how often learning is being conducted outside. Eco committee to complete a student survey asking about outdoor learning.