

St Ann's CE Primary School Climate Action Plan

Together, we pledge to be responsible caretakers of the Earth, ensuring a healthy and sustainable world for generations to come. We will share what we learn about the environment with our friends and family. Together, we hope to inspire others to care for our beautiful planet that God created for us to enjoy.

	DfE Link	Actions	Responsibility
Curriculum			
1	Science curriculum	We have introduced a sustainability unit into our science curriculum. Continue to implement and develop this to ensure that the children have a good understanding of the threats to the environment and what we can do to support this.	Science lead and all teachers.
2	Collective worship	Through Picture News and courageous advocacy, we will make children aware of the latest news and how to respect the environment that God created.	Collective worship lead
3	PSHE/ RE	Through Heart Smart/RE we will give children opportunity to debate and ponder the world we live in and how to care for it. We will consider the consequences of extreme weather on harvests and countries around the world	PSHE lead and all teachers
Waste			
1	Decarbonisation	Recycling systems in place: clear expectations on what can be recycled. Separate recycling bins, clearly labelled. Recycling separated and pupils and staff educated about the value of resources. Separate food waste / paper waste & general waste in September 2025. Food waste to be collected by composted by company that produces 100% renewable energy. Move towards plastic recycling by September 2027	All staff and pupils
2	Decarbonisation	Move to new emailing / electronic texting for forms and information to reduced Paper communication with parents.	Business manager and office staff
3	Decarbonisation	Reduce clothes waste and fast fashion – make second hand uniform available to parents offered at a very low cost. Advertise this at certain times in the year (summer uniform , new term uniform. Also recycling of second hand coats and Christmas jumpers / party clothes at the beginning of December each year. Recycle second hand World Book Day costumes to save costs for parents and reduce manufacturing.	ELSA
4	Decarbonisation	Introduce regular litter picks completed around school site by pupils / green team. Consider introducing community litter picks.	Year 5/6 children

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Food			
1	Decarbonisation	Menu's available on the school website to reduce food waste. Children can choose in advance.	Kitchen staff and office staff
2	Education	Lunch time staggered to reduce queuing time and to ensure all pupils are given time to eat and time to play to reduce food waste due to pupils feeling they do not have enough time to eat.	Kitchen staff and SLT
3	Decarbonisation	Children who have packed lunches will take waste home with them to help parents/ carers make choices about what to send in the future to avoid wastage.	Children Parents/ carers
Air Quality			
1	Education	Children are encouraged to come to school on foot, bike, scooter to reduce pollution near school. Bike racks and scooter pods. School to take part in walk / bike to school week to encourage this further.	All staff
2	Education	Children take part in science activities to monitor air quality levels on the school site and nearby areas	Science lead, all staff
3	Education	Bike right offered to children annually to help them be more confident riding their bikes around the community.	Year 6 children and staff
4	Education	Road safety activities to be offered on the KS1 playground to support children ability to travel around the community safely when not in cars.	EYFS & KS1 staff
Travel			
1	Decarbonisation	Bike ability training offered to all pupils in year 6	Year 6 children and staff
2	Decarbonisation	Parents/Carers of pupils in upper key stage 2 are encouraged to allow their children to be responsible for getting themselves to and from school.	KS2 parents
3	Decarbonisation	Children encouraged to use scooters and bikes to travel to school.	Reminders to all children
4	Decarbonisation	Whenever possible make use of public transport (or walk) when taking children on school trips to demonstrate how to use the services safely.	All staff
Reducing Energy			
1	Decarbonisation	Y6 monitors identified to turn off lights. Regular reminders to staff to switch off all lights, appliances and plugs when not in use.	Year 6 children All staff

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2	Decarbonisation	Regular reminders for windows and doors to be kept closed when the heating is on ensure maximum efficiency of insulation and warmth.	All staff and children
3	Decarbonisation	Upgrade of lights to LED when change required – as soon as possible.	Business and site manager
Outdoor space			
1	Biodiversity	Birdbaths, feeders, bird houses, bug hotels, bee hotels, ponds all installed to support local wildlife.	Year 5
2	Biodiversity	Gardening and Forest School clubs to be offered throughout the year from September 2025	Forest school lead
3	Biodiversity	Site maintenance will ensure that wild patches are not mowed and wild flower areas around the site are developed to encourage bees, butterflies and other insects.	Forest school lead Maintenance officer
4	Biodiversity	Forest School on site, sessions run by a trained practitioner providing nurture learner-led exploration and discovery, nurturing meaningful experiences for positive lifelong impacts.	Forest school lead
5	Biodiversity	We will encourage the children to respect and take care of the natural world that God created for us to enjoy. In collective worship we will pray for the environment; we will ask God for wisdom and guidance as we aim to be good caretakers of his world.	Whole school pledge
Water			
1	Biodiversity	Curriculum plans include learning about local water scarcity and hazard risks to encourage a culture of saving, rather than wasting water and to encourage creative ideas for how water can be saved at school.	Year 5 and Science lead
2	Biodiversity	We will turn off the tap after filling our water bottles and use water wisely. We will report any leaks to the adults in school.	Whole school pledge
3	Decarbonisation	We will introduce Water butts across school to collect water to use in curriculum activities and for watering the borders around school. By September 2027	Maintenance officer