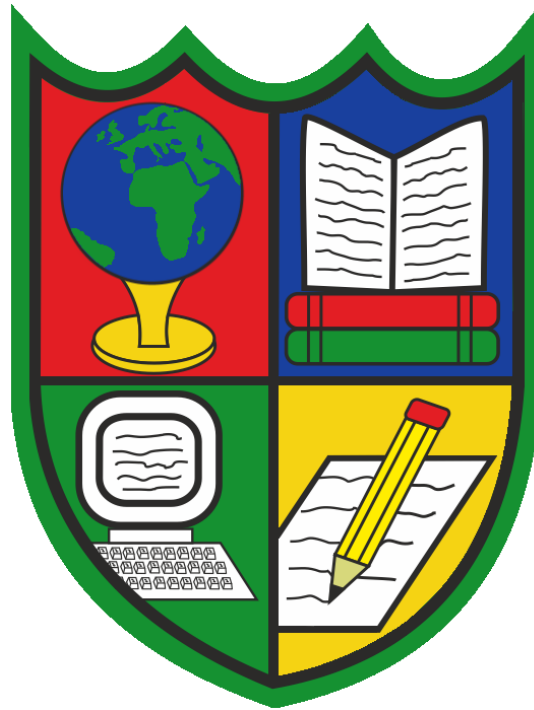


Highfield Primary School



Climate Action Plan

Written: July 2025

Reviewed Annually

Vision Statement

We aim to create a sustainable, environmentally aware school community where pupils learn to respect and protect the planet. Through education, action, and collaboration, we will reduce our environmental impact and inspire change locally and globally.

Key Objectives

1. Reduce the school's carbon footprint.
2. Educate and empower pupils on climate and sustainability.
3. Promote sustainable practices within the school and wider community.
4. Monitor and improve progress annually.

Focus Areas & Actions

1. Curriculum Integration

- Embed environmental education across all subjects (e.g., nature-based maths problems, eco-themed stories).
- Designate an annual **Eco Week** to focus on climate issues.
- Introduce age-appropriate lessons on climate change, biodiversity, and renewable energy.

2. Energy Use

- Conduct an annual **energy audit** of the school.
- Appoint **Eco Monitors** to ensure lights and devices are switched off when not in use.
- Transition to LED lighting and investigate solar panel installation (long-term goal).

3. Waste Reduction

- Launch a **'Zero Waste Lunch' campaign** to reduce packaging waste.
- Increase recycling facilities and include compost bins for food waste.
- Run termly **'waste-free' challenges** with certificates for classes with least waste.

4. Transport

- Promote walking, scooting, or cycling to school through **'Walk to School Week'** and bike ability training.
- Provide secure bike and scooter storage.
- Survey parents and staff about transport choices and encourage car sharing where feasible.

5. School Grounds & Biodiversity

- Plant native trees and create a **pollinator garden**.
- Establish a **wildlife area** or bug hotel.
- Involve pupils in a **school gardening club** to grow vegetables and herbs.

6. Water Use

- Install water-saving devices (e.g. push taps, rainwater butts).
- Teach water conservation through science and geography lessons.
- Use rainwater for the school garden where possible.

7. Food & Catering

- Work with the catering team to reduce food waste.
- Explore offering more **plant-based meal options**.
- Run pupil projects on the environmental impact of food choices.

Pupil & Community Engagement

- Create a **Student Eco Council** to lead initiatives and report to governors.
- Share progress in school newsletters and on the website.
- Involve families in community litter picks or local tree-planting schemes.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Track progress against goals each term.
- Display an **Eco Noticeboard** with key updates, pupil involvement, and achievements.
- Review the plan annually and celebrate successes with an **Eco Celebration Day**.

Recognition

Aim for external awards such as:

- **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award (Distinction)**
- **Woodland Trust Green Tree Schools Award**
- **National Education Nature Award**