

Linslade Lower School's Climate Action Plan

We already have solar panels, LED lighting throughout the school (some of which are on sensors) and an Eco Group. We recycle paper, cardboard, and glass through CBC. We recycle staff's soft plastic, whole school food waste, clothing, batteries, pens and felt-tips. We have scooter and bike storage in two locations in school. We have two gardening areas on site, a wildlife area and an orchard.

1. Action plan goal: establishing your school's baseline

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Understand your school's energy efficiency by conducting a review of energy use.	Review the Recommendation Report from your Display Energy Certificate [DEC] to understand the schools' energy efficiency.	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free – done in house	None	Energy efficiency: guidance for the school and further education college estate - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	Free
Understand your curriculum by reviewing for	Review curriculum to understand where climate change/	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior	Air quality	Our City, our world Conceptual milestones And key vocabulary	Free

climate change content.	careers features/ could feature.		leadership team Cost: Free- several projects offer opportunities		ourcityyourworld.co. uk Tracked changes project	
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2. Action plan goal: decarbonisation

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Planning: 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.	1 month	Staff: Operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Energy Saving Trust	Free

Change behaviours in our communities by running a 'Switch-off' campaign.	Encourage students and staff to turn off lights and monitors. Provide information to parents/carers in your newsletters.	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Climate Education and Green Careers	Switch Off Fortnight 2024 - Teacher Guidance - Twinkl	Free
Retrofit our buildings to produce/ reduce energy consumption by Installing air source heat pump.	Remove gas boilers and replace with heat pumps.	Next 5 years	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: High- although several projects offer opportunities	None		

3. Action plan goal: biodiversity

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by joining an online biodiversity network.	Sign up to Education Nature Park for more resources.	1 day	Staff: educational staff/ senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Education Nature Park.	Free
Increase our school's knowledge of	Locate an area to garden.	6 months	Staff: Educational staff/ senior leadership team	Climate Education and Green Career	Simple gardening club ideas / RHS	

biodiversity by starting a gardening club.	Advertise amongst pupils. Grow plants and get students involved in maintenance/ harvest.		Cost: Free / low		Campaign for School Gardening	
Increase biodiversity on school property by rewilding areas of school's grounds.	Select an area of school ground suitable for rewilding. Decide what type of rewilding (wildflower field, pond, insect hotels etc.). Buy native plants, stop using	1 month – 1 year (depending on complexity of project)	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team, students Cost: Varied depending on complexity of project	None	Operation Future Hope Seven simple ways to create a wildlife-friendly garden Natural History Museum (nhm.ac.uk) How to make your garden wilder Rewilding Britain	

	chemicals/ pesticides. Let the area grow. Educate staff and students on their maintenance.					
Increase biodiversity on school property by growing food at your school.	Grow food and get students/staff/ parents involved in maintenance/ harvest. Distribute food or use in the canteen of for cooking lessons.	1 – 12 months	Staff: Educational staff/ senior leadership team Cost: Low / dependant on size of garden	Climate Education and Green Careers	Food Growing and Gardening edible rotherhithe	

4. Action plan goal: climate education and green careers

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Share with staff and pupils what climate change action we are taking by promoting successes and achievements	Assemblies, newsletters.	1 day	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Relevant to all action plan goals		Free
Increase our school's knowledge of climate	Research networks and decide which is the best for	1 day, then ongoing	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Southwark Climate Action Schools. For	Free

change initiatives by joining a climate network.	your school to keep up to date with latest information and opportunities. Sign up to the network. Start engaging with network, attend meetings, read newsletters etc.				more information please contact Home - Eco Schools (eco-schools.org.uk) UK Climate Change • Let's Go Zero (letsgozero.org)	
Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by incorporating it in more lessons.	Get lead staff on board early. Use resources with information on how to embed. Embed climate change in	1 month	Staff: Educational staff/ senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Teaching for Sustainable Futures Teach the Future website	Free

	other lessons. Review impact.					
Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by inviting external speakers to come into school.	Arrange for external speakers to come into school to run workshops/ talks.	1 week	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free-several projects offer opportunities	None	Eco Active's Green Influencers Scheme Energy Garden Climate Ed Education Business Alliance – Education Business Alliance (southwarkeba.org.uk)	Free

5. Action plan goal: resilience and adaptation

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Planning: adjust school hours for periods of extreme weather.	Have a policy in place for adjusting hours during periods of extreme weather.	Daily	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Hot weather and heatwaves: guidance for schools and other education settings – The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)	Free
Planning: monitor heat in classrooms.	Install classroom heat sensors. Train staff to be able to use	1 week	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior	None	Appoint pupil energy monitors in all classes Energy Sparks	

	them and identify when dangerous heat levels are reached. React to levels with appropriate policy and procedure.		leadership team Cost: Low			
Planning: Create policy to relax dress code in periods of hot weather.	Encourage pupils to wear loose, light-colored clothing. Sunhats. Sunscreen. Teachers should also encourage children to take	1 day	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Climate Education and Green Careers	Hot weather and heatwaves: guidance for schools and other education settings – The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)	Free

	off their blazers and jumpers.					
Increase our 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	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Climate Education and Green Careers	These resources allow students to think about their place and different environments and how a changing climate might impact this.	Free

6. Action plan goal: active and sustainable travel

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Encourage active travel by providing cycle skills for students.	Organise external cycle skills lessons for students to improve their skills and safety on their bikes Extend to parents and carers. Extend to teaching staff.	1 week	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Air quality	Cycle Training for Everyone - Deliver Safer Training Bikeability	Funding and Delivery - About Us Bikeability

Encourage active travel by providing cycle to work scheme for school staff.	Enrol your school in the cycle to work scheme. Promote amongst staff.	1 day	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free to sign up	Air quality	Cycle2Work	
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7. Action plan goal: air quality

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Planning: Create an asthma friendly school plan.	Collect a register of all pupils with asthma. Create a school wide emergency asthma plan . Choose an asthma lead. Adopt a policy for inhaler techniques	1 week, ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Resilience and Adaptation	Asthma friendly schools - Transformation Partners in Health and Care	Free

	and emergency treatment. Create a system for identifying children who are missing school because of asthma.					
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8. Action plan goal: waste, consumption and recycling

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Reduce waste by banning single-use plastics in school canteen.	Replace plastic cutlery with reusable cutlery.	1 day, ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Low	None	How To Reduce Plastic at the School Canteen - Plastic Free July	
Reduce waste by lowering	Review the school's procurement policy and	1 week, ongoing	Staff: School management team, senior	None		

single use plastic.	identify any single use plastics that can be eliminated.		leadership team Cost: Low			
Encourage reuse by running second-hand uniform event.	Run a uniform event at school for second hand uniform exchange and purchase.	1 week	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Uniformd	Free
Encourage reuse by hosting swap events.	Host a swap event where students can swap clothes, books, and games. Host an unwanted holidays present swap.	1 week	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Climate Education and Green Careers	How To Organise A Clothes Swap 9 Easy Steps - Cariki	Free

	Donate surplus to charities e.g. Traid.					
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 students.	1 week – ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Low	None		

9. Action plan goal: food

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Improve energy efficiency of school by assessing kitchen energy use.	Talk with your kitchen staff/catering team. Review efficiency of school kitchen.	2 months - ongoing	Staff: Operational staff, senior leadership team, kitchen staff Cost: Free	Climate Education and Green Careers	Work with external caterers/kitchen team to achieve a green kitchen standard	Free