



# **Climate Action Plan – Westfield Primary School**



**September 2025**





# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



At Westfield Primary School, we believe that small actions can lead to big changes, and we're excited to take steps toward a greener, more sustainable future. Our Climate Action Plan is all about creating a positive impact on the environment while inspiring our students, staff, and families to work together for a cleaner, healthier world.

From reducing waste to saving energy, we are committed to making eco-friendly choices that will benefit not only our school but the community around us. By embracing these efforts, we hope to encourage everyone at Westfield Primary School to become climate champions and help build a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.



# Decarbonisation

## Every term, all classes to have the opportunity to learn outside

Outdoor lessons provide pupils with fresh air and a change of scenery while reducing reliance on indoor lighting and heating. Whether it's reading in a shaded area, conducting science experiments outside, or using school gardens for hands-on learning, outdoor education fosters engagement and sustainability awareness.

*Started: 1st Sep 2025*

*To be completed by: July 2026*

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## Run a switch off campaign

A switch-off campaign raises awareness about energy consumption and encourages simple behavioural changes to reduce waste. Schools can run competitions, put up reminder posters, and conduct audits to track energy savings. Engaging pupils through classroom discussions and real-time energy monitoring can make energy efficiency a long-term habit.

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## Travel survey

A travel survey helps schools gather data on pupil and staff commuting habits. By understanding travel patterns, schools can identify opportunities to encourage more sustainable travel options such as walking, cycling, carpooling, or using public transport. This information can support decisions on bike rack installations, road safety improvements, and incentive programs for eco-friendly commuting.

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## Adaptation & Resilience

### Audit and Reduce Single-Use Plastics

Schools can conduct an audit of their plastic use, identifying areas where single-use plastics can be eliminated or replaced with sustainable alternatives. This includes plastic cutlery, straws, and packaging materials. Encouraging the use of reusable water bottles and lunch containers can also contribute to waste reduction.

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### Purchase School-Branded Reusable Water Bottles

Schools can distribute school-branded reusable water bottles to encourage pupils and staff to move away from single-use plastic bottles. Paired with hydration stations, this initiative promotes healthier drinking habits while reducing plastic waste. Schools may consider offering bottles as part of a welcome pack or fundraising effort.

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# Adaptation & Resilience

## Set Up a School Resilience Committee

Establishing a resilience committee ensures ongoing adaptation to environmental challenges. This team, composed of pupils, staff, and community members, can assess risks, implement sustainability policies, and coordinate resilience projects. Regular meetings will help track progress and adjust strategies as needed.

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# Biodiversity

## Build an Insect Hotel

Log piles and disused wood pallets can be used to create a natural habitat for insects, amphibians, and fungi, enhancing biodiversity and promoting decomposition processes. They can be strategically placed in school gardens to serve as learning tools for ecology studies.

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## Carry out a nature survey

Schools can conduct nature surveys to document the species of plants, insects, and animals found on school grounds. This information can help identify areas for biodiversity improvement, such as adding nesting boxes, planting native species, or reducing pesticide use. Engaging pupils in biodiversity monitoring promotes conservation awareness and scientific curiosity.

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## Participate in the RSPB Birdwatch

Schools can engage pupils in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Birdwatch, an annual citizen science event where participants record and report bird sightings. This initiative helps develop observation skills, raises awareness of biodiversity, and contributes valuable data for conservation efforts. Schools can integrate this activity into science and geography lessons to reinforce learning.

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## Climate Education & Green Skills

### Create a School Eco Committee

A school eco committee gives pupils the opportunity to lead sustainability projects, influence school policies, and advocate for environmental improvements. This initiative fosters leadership, encourages responsibility, and ensures sustainability remains a core focus in school decision-making.

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### Host a Sustainability-Themed Assembly Each Term

Hosting a sustainability-themed assembly each term ensures that pupils remain engaged with environmental topics. These events can feature guest speakers, pupil-led presentations, and school-wide challenges to encourage participation. Assemblies help build a culture of sustainability and reinforce its importance throughout the school community.

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