

## **IDEAS ZONE    One thing we could do in our school...**

(and abiding thoughts from the Reading Model Climate Conference, 2016)

### **Highdown School**

1. Introduce a school carbon budget.
2. Use solar panels on the school roofs.
3. Cut down meat – take to Quorn in the school canteen.
4. Daylight sensors (on lights) to reduce wasted electricity. Thicker/better insulated walls so there is less need for heating.
5. Cut down on the amount of meat we consume to lower our carbon footprint – this is why more people are becoming vegetarians, vegans and pescatarians.
6. All countries work together to cut carbon emissions.

### **Kendrick**

1. Reduce food waste.
2. Recycle more paper.
3. Freeze more food so that less is wasted.
4. Use natural light when possible as it is better for the environment and people.
5. Encourage greener transport to school.
6. Set up an Eco-Committee for Kendrick – addressing more LED lights, recycling bins, homework online, compost for food waste.

### **Little Heath School**

1. Waste less food – make orders at the canteen to reduce waste.
2. Change the lightbulbs at school/home to LEDs.
3. Rent materials or equipment (e.g. drills) and improve durability of non-essential products that are used.

### **Maiden Erlegh School in Reading**

1. There should be allowances for how much energy you use (carbon credits).
2. Recycle food/reduce waste at school by getting a compost heap.
3. Try to reuse things after buying them and using them once.
4. Upcycle old toys, books, things in general (and rent items) – circular economy.
5. Freeze food and use leftovers – reduce food waste.
6. Make sure we're using LED/energy efficient lights and solar panels.

### **Reading School**

1. Sometimes choose fish instead of meat to reduce emissions.
2. Create a school carbon budget.
3. Much better food waste management.
4. Raise awareness of the impacts of increased CO2 emissions and energy use.
5. Increase use of energy efficient lightbulbs and monitors, loft insulation and solar panels.
6. Replace light bulbs with LEDs which are more energy efficient.
8. Even if you are a vegan you can still have a large carbon footprint by owning a 4x4 car. Looking to produce a higher amount of dual fuel and electric cars could reduce carbon emissions heavily.