

Climate Action: making a difference in our school*

Low Cost, High Impact

What we buy & use

Switch our main web browser to Ecosia which then plants trees

Outside spaces

Ask Headteacher if we can plant some trees

Food & food waste

Reduce the amount of food waste with messages / posters; optional portion size

What we buy & use

Promote [waste free] packed lunches – also reducing plastic

Energy

Turn down thermostat slowly over time and 'No electricity' days

What we buy & use

Email reports unless parents ask for it to be printed out

Energy

Reduce water temperature and pressure - reduce wasted electricity

Communicating

Informing students and raising awareness to make the whole thing more relatable

Energy

First need to find out about Energy consumption in school. Ask our Head to help and need auditing technology.

Food & food waste

Decrease schools' meat consumption eg Meat Free Monday and if using beef, only on menu once a week

Travel & transport

Map routes to school and reward sustainable travel so more students and teachers to cycle / walk and take buses.

Energy

Trying to change energy supplier

Food & food waste

Compost & look up fermentation bins

Food & food waste

Believe our school could grow their own food eg on an allotment or a roof garden to educate people [include in the curriculum] to grow their own.

What we buy & use

Recycle more eg crisp packets and plastic water bottles for a better cause

Energy

Switch off computers / lights / white boards over break & when school is closed

What we buy & use

School owned water-bottles to be used and water-fountains

Travel & transport

Stop idling as it's a massive issue

What we buy & use

Environmentally friendly glue and masking tape instead of cellotape

Travel & transport

Have 1 week of no cars to school; Lock up the gates for 'No drive days'; taxing people to stay in the car park!

What we buy & use

Cut down plastic in school especially in the canteen. Replace polystyrene boxes with recyclable. Or if you bring your own cutlery/ tupperware box, you get so much off your meal

Food & food waste

Start to use locally sourced seasonal / organic food - reduce our carbon footprint by reducing food miles

Energy

Replace strip lights with LED over time – they may be more expensive but last longer

What we buy & use

More recycling bins. Key message is waste management in schools

Energy

Install (re-install) solar panels and change from gas boiler for less CO2 emissions and also help to reduce amount of money used on energy

Food & food waste

Food waste (bins / biogas digester turns to biofuel) could be used for gas taps in science / cooking - reduce food waste that could be used elsewhere

Outside spaces

Bees kept on roof or allotment or school garden

Travel & transport

School bus and make bike racks more accessible and safe so hopefully they will be used more.

Outside spaces

Rainwater to flush the loos - less water wastage