



Stanhope Climate Action Plan

Vision and commitment

Our school is committed to supporting the UK's Net Zero and biodiversity goals by embedding sustainability into education and operations. We aim to reduce our environmental impact, educate pupils on climate change, and foster a culture of sustainability across our community.

Governance and leadership

- Appoint a School Sustainability Lead (Headteacher).
- Establish a Climate Action Team including staff, pupils, and governors.
- Report progress termly to the governing body.

Baseline assessment

We will conduct a carbon footprint audit covering energy, travel, and waste. Current initiatives include recycling bins in classrooms and energy monitoring. We also have second hand uniform freely available for families. Our Climate Action Team includes our Eco-warrior group of pupils. Results will inform our targets and priorities.

Strategic action areas

Area	Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Success Measure
Decarbonisation	Install LED lighting and smart meters	Site Manager	12 months	10% reduction in electricity use
Biodiversity	Planting and maintenance of existing plantation	Eco Warriors	6 months	Increase in pollinator species
Climate Education	Embed climate topics in science and	Teachers	Ongoing	All pupils receive climate education

	geography curriculum			
Sustainability	Recycling bins in all areas	Site Manager	Complete	All of the school community

Additional themes

- Waste and recycling: Eliminate single-use plastics and introduce food waste recycling.
- Food: Increase plant-based options in school meals.
- Air quality: Walk to school initiatives.
- Community engagement: Involve parents and local organisations in sustainability projects such as walking to school and reduced energy use at school and home.

Targets and monitoring

SMART Targets:

- Reduce electricity use by monitoring, switch offs, appropriate heating controls and timings, and installation of LEDs.

Monitoring: Progress will be reviewed termly and reported to governors.

Resources and support

We will utilise DfE resources such as the Let's Go Zero advisors. Staff will receive CPD on sustainability.

Communication and engagement

This plan will be published on the school website. Pupils will lead initiatives via the Eco Warriors.