



Ashmead Combined School

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



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OUR VISION: GROWING GREENER FUTURES TOGETHER

"AT ASHMEAD SCHOOL, OUR VISION IS TO CULTIVATE A JOYFUL, CLIMATE-CONFIDENT COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY CHILD IS EMPOWERED TO PROTECT OUR PLANET. WE DON'T JUST TEACH SUSTAINABILITY—WE LIVE IT, TURNING OUR SCHOOL INTO A LIVING LABORATORY FOR A GREENER, FAIRER TOMORROW."

BY EDUCATING THE CHILDREN OF ASHMEAD SCHOOL WE AIM TO:

- **INSPIRE THEIR ENTHUSIASM TO HELP DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE**
- **INCREASE THEIR PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A SENSE OF AGENCY WHERE ANXIETY STEMS FROM CLIMATE CONCERNS**
- **CREATE A SENSE OF PRIDE IN THEIR EDUCATION SETTING**
- **ENABLE THEM TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND ENTHUSIASM IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES**
- **ENABLE THEM TO ENGAGE THEIR PARENTS, CARERS, AND WIDER COMMUNITY IN SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**



THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

TO BRING THIS VISION TO LIFE.....
WE FOCUS OUR ENERGY ACROSS FOUR KEY AREAS:

- **CLIMATE EDUCATION AND GREEN SKILLS:** HOW LEARNERS ARE SUPPORTED TO UNDERSTAND CLIMATE CHANGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND DEVELOP RELEVANT SKILLS
- **BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE:** EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURE AND WILDLIFE WITHIN THE SETTING AND ITS SURROUNDINGS
- **ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE:** HOW THE SETTING IS PREPARING FOR AND RESPONDING TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
- **DECARBONISATION AND NET ZERO:** ACTIONS TO MEASURE AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, WORKING TOWARDS NET ZERO

1. Education

- **The Goal:** Embed climate awareness naturally across all subjects, from math data tracking to creative writing.

Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
Curriculum Themes across a two-year cycle of learning in each phase will focus on developing pupils' awareness and understanding of the importance of looking after and using the world around them.	School Leaders and Teachers	Immediate
We move away from classroom and plan more outdoor, enriching, experience based experiential learning. Students learn where their food comes from by growing it, study biodiversity by looking more closely at our local environment, local wildlife, and develop critical thinking by solving real-world environmental problems.	Teaching, Learning & Curriculum Lead Practitioner will plan and identify opportunities across all planning	Next term
Pupils take ownership and responsibility for the school environment by managing and improving it for nature, themselves and future generations. The <u>School</u> will introduce the 'ACS Clean Up Crew' who will be given the resources and time to support in keeping the site clear of rubbish and tidy.	Eco Warrior <u>Lead</u> Teacher	Next Term
Posters to raise pupil's awareness and understanding about the simple things they can do in their classrooms that make a huge impact will go up in every classroom	Eco Warrior <u>Lead</u> Teacher	Next Term

2. Campus & Community

- **The Goal:** Transform our school grounds into a model of sustainability.
- **In Practice:** We actively work toward reducing our carbon footprint through practical, student-led initiatives:

Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
"Living Streets" WOW Challenge: Continue to participate in the UK-wide walk-to-school challenge where children log their daily travel and earn badges.	Walk to School <u>Lead</u> <u>Teacher</u>	Ongoing
"Switch-Off" Audits: Expand the Eco Warriors checklist to ensure all interactive whiteboards, projectors, and lights are off during lunch and assemblies.	Eco Warriors / Energy Wardens	Immediate
<u>Litterless Lunches:</u> Encourage parents to pack packed lunches in reusable containers rather than single-use cling film and foil. Run a "Golden Tupperware" class competition.	Eco Warriors & TA's Supervising Lunch Sittings	Next Term

3. Campus & Operations (Our Footprint)

- **The Goal:** Move closer to a zero-waste-to-landfill model by improving recycling and reducing consumption. Transform our school grounds into a model of sustainability.

Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
Management of Waste		
Paper-Light Classrooms: Set a school-wide default for all printing to be double-sided. Dedicate a "scrap paper box" in every classroom for drawings and notes before recycling.	All Staff / Site Team	Next Term
Uniform Circularity: Expand the pre-loved school uniform sales. Host a "Pop-Up Uniform Shop" during transition days for new reception starters.	PTA / Lettings Team	Ongoing
School Composting: Introduce a hot compost bin for fruit peelings from break-time snacks, creating nutrient-rich soil for future school planting.	Eco Warriors & All Pupils	Next Term
The "Wild Zone": Re-wild a small, underutilized corner of Kate's Garden. Leave the grass long to encourage pollinators, insects, and small mammals.	Gardening Club	Summer Term