

# Walton on the Hill Primary School

## Climate Action Plan: 2024-27



What is a Climate Action Plan?

A Climate Action Plan helps our school learn about and practice sustainability.

In 2022, the government said all schools need a sustainability leader and a climate action plan by 2025.

Our plan was made by the school's leaders and governors.

Why do we want to act?

At Walton on the Hill Primary, we believe in "Global School Vision - Village School Values." This means we care for our environment locally and globally.

We want a bright future and to protect our beautiful natural surroundings.

Learning about the environment is part of our lessons and outdoor activities, and our eco-team leads all children to help with projects like recycling and improving our school grounds.

Everyone in the whole school community, including children, teachers, parents, local groups and governors will need to work together to deliver this plan.

The governing body will support and monitor progress, and there will be training for anyone who wants to help.

We will review the plan every three years and set new targets every year.



## Decarbonisation: Net zero by 2030

This means we will make changes so our school doesn't put any harmful gases, like carbon dioxide, into the air anymore.

We will do this by:

- Using energy efficiently and choosing green energy,
- Reducing waste, especially single-use plastics, and recycling more,
- Promoting low carbon travel options, and
- Using rainwater and improving water efficiency.



## Adaptation and resilience: Making the school site safe and comfortable



This means we will make sure our school stays a nice place to learn, no matter how the weather changes in the future.

We will adapt our school to handle climate changes by:

- Preventing classrooms and other places in school from getting too hot,
- Reducing flooding risks with better water management, and
- Using plants to help us.

## Biodiversity: Protecting and improving nature

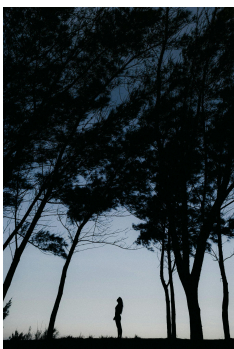
This means we will all take care of the environment in and around school, have more plants and increase the number of animals like insects and birds visiting us.

We will support nature by:

- Working with Surrey Wildlife Trust on biodiversity projects,
- Participating in the National Education Nature Park, and
- Mapping our habitats to find ways to improve them.



## Climate education and green skills: Learning about climate change and being prepared for green jobs



This means you will learn about how the climate is changing and how we can help. You will also learn skills for jobs that make our planet healthier.

We will teach about climate change by:

- Including climate topics in our curriculum
- Offering outdoor learning and Forest School activities
- Training staff, governors, and parents on climate literacy, and
- Supporting anyone who might have eco-anxiety.