

Bayford Church of England Primary School



Climate Action Plan

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Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd... I know my sheep and my sheep know me.' *John 10.14*

We the pupils, together with the staff, parent committee and governors of Bayford CE Primary School are committed to taking action to tackle climate change and reduce our carbon footprint to as close to net zero as possible by 2030. This is an urgent priority for all of us as we will be leaving a damaging legacy that will affect our planet for future generations to come if we do not tackle this now. We recognise that by working together, through changing habits and behaviour and embedding those changes, we can make a contribution, however small, but when done in conjunction with others could make real change possible. By taking immediate action we can ensure our future will be safer, cleaner and greener, not only for us but for generations to come.

- The following are some examples of what could happen if we do nothing:
- more extreme weather events
- poor air quality – pollution with contaminants and toxins
- less water in our rivers and streams
- increased plant and animal extinction
- diminished human health and life expectancy

In line with our core Christian values, we strive to support our children to **appreciate** God's world and be **courageous** in taking **responsibility** for looking after our planet by treating it with **love** and **respect**.

What we have achieved so far:

- Replaced old lighting with energy efficient LED lighting in all areas of the school
- Introduced waste recycling for paper and cardboard in all classrooms
- Installed planters in the playground
- Worked with heating engineers to ensure our heating controls are more efficient
- Created environmental monitor role for children as part of the pupil jobs list
- Created eco monitor role for children as part of the pupil jobs list
- Continued to deliver TWiGS forest school provision to support our children to develop a love for the natural environment and a heart for the world
- Introduced a printer cartridge re-cycling bin to the reception area for all to use
- Re-cycled old computers through a re-cycling scheme

What we aim to do over the next three years:

Aim	Action
Reduce energy use as much as possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase “Turn Off” stickers to put above light switches etc. to encourage people to turn off lights when not in use • Restrict the use of school heating to only in the colder months (October – March) • Ensure doors and windows are not left open in rooms when the heating is on • Consider using more local school residential trip providers to reduce travel costs
Encourage pollinators to our outside areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant more bulbs in the school grounds annually
To develop the children’s awareness of sustainability, responsibility and create a strong culture where the children become agents of change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite speakers in to collective worships • Investigate ways of promoting sustainability through the curriculum • Take part in the Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award, encouraging eco projects
Reduce clothing waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure pre-used school uniform is available to all families
Encourage battery re-cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate having a battery recycling drop off box in the school reception area for everyone to use
Limit the use of single use plastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure school events do not use plastic plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, straws etc. • Encourage pupils and staff to use re-fillable water bottles
Increase recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate low-cost ways of adding plastics to the recycling at school
Reduce paper use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage staff to re-cycle/re-use worksheets etc. • Keep scrap paper for children’s rough work, to draw on at playtimes etc. • Remind staff to limit the amount of printing they do to the absolute minimum needed for teaching