

Climate Action Plan



**Kirkstall St Stephen's Primary
School**



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At Kirkstall St Stephen's Primary School, we believe that small actions can lead to big changes, and we're excited to take steps toward a greener, more sustainable future. Our Climate Action Plan is all about creating a positive impact on the environment while inspiring our students, staff, and families to work together for a cleaner, healthier world.

From reducing waste to saving energy, we are committed to making eco-friendly choices that will benefit not only our school but the community around us. By embracing these efforts, we hope to encourage everyone at Kirkstall St Stephen's Primary School to become climate champions and help build a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.

SUMMARY

2026	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Not Started	12 items	7 items	
In progress	3 items	6 items	
Completed	1 item	3 items	





Section

Decarbonisation

Carry Out A building energy audit

Conducting a building energy audit helps schools pinpoint areas of energy waste, from heating inefficiencies to unnecessary lighting. Schools can use professional energy assessors or pupil-led monitoring programs to analyse energy usage and recommend improvements. Findings can inform decisions on insulation, lighting upgrades, and behaviour-based energy-saving strategies.

Not started

Deliver some lessons outside

Outdoor lessons provide pupils with fresh air and a change of scenery while reducing reliance on indoor lighting and heating. Whether it's reading in a shaded area, conducting science experiments outside, or using school gardens for hands-on learning, outdoor education fosters engagement and sustainability awareness.

Not Started





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Decarbonisation

Run A switch Off campaign

A switch-off campaign raises awareness about energy consumption and encourages simple behavioural changes to reduce waste. Schools can run competitions, put up reminder posters, and conduct audits to track energy savings. Engaging pupils through classroom discussions and real-time energy monitoring can make energy efficiency a long-term habit.

Not Started

Travel Survey

A travel survey helps schools gather data on pupil and staff commuting habits. By understanding travel patterns, schools can identify opportunities to encourage more sustainable travel options such as walking, cycling, carpooling, or using public transport. This information can support decisions on bike rack installations, road safety improvements, and incentive programs for eco-friendly commuting.

Not Started





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Decarbonisation

Install LED lighting

LED lighting is a cost-effective and energy-efficient alternative to traditional incandescent and fluorescent bulbs. By switching to LED lighting, schools can significantly reduce electricity consumption and maintenance costs while lowering their carbon footprint. LED bulbs also generate less heat, improving classroom comfort and reducing the need for air conditioning.

Completed March 2026

Completed

Install motion sensors to lights

Motion sensors automatically turn lights on and off depending on occupancy. By installing these in classrooms, hallways, and restrooms, schools can significantly cut down on wasted electricity. This ensures that lights are only used when needed, reducing overall energy consumption.

Started: 17th Nov 2025

In progress



Section

Adaptation & Resilience

Create A SCHOOL community garden for FOOD Resilience

Establishing a community garden allows schools to grow their own fruits and vegetables, reducing reliance on external food sources. This initiative provides hands-on sustainability education, promotes healthy eating, and fosters a sense of community among pupils and staff.

In Progress

Develop A water conservation strategy

Schools can adopt water-saving measures such as dual-flush toilets, drought-resistant landscaping, and leak monitoring systems. Educating students on responsible water use can further enhance conservation efforts.

Not started



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Adaptation & Resilience

Plan A SCHOOL-wide energy reduction challenge

Engaging pupils and staff in an energy-saving challenge builds awareness and encourages sustainable habits. Schools can track electricity consumption and reward classrooms that achieve the highest reductions.

In Progress

Set UP A SCHOOL resilience committee

Establishing a resilience committee ensures ongoing adaptation to environmental challenges. This team, composed of pupils, staff, and community members, can assess risks, implement sustainability policies, and coordinate resilience projects. Regular meetings will help track progress and adjust strategies as needed.

Started: 17th Nov 2025

In Progress





Section

Biodiversity

Participate in the RSPB birdwatch

Schools can engage pupils in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Birdwatch, an annual citizen science event where participants record and report bird sightings. This initiative helps develop observation skills, raises awareness of biodiversity, and contributes valuable data for conservation efforts. Schools can integrate this activity into science and geography lessons to reinforce learning.

Completed March 2026.

Completed

Work with the pupils to get their views On how the school site should look

Schools can involve pupils in decision-making about their learning environment, ensuring that sustainability considerations are incorporated. Whether through workshops, surveys, or school councils, pupil input can lead to more effective green space planning, improved outdoor learning areas, and projects that align with their needs and interests. Involving pupils also increases their sense of ownership and responsibility for the school environment.

Ongoing



Section

Climate Education & Green Skills

Launch A sustainable communte challenge

Schools can organise competitions and incentives to promote walking, cycling, or public transport use instead of cars. This helps cut emissions, reduce traffic congestion, and encourage healthier lifestyles.

Not started

Organise A pupil-LED energy and waste audit

A school-wide audit allows pupils to evaluate energy use and waste production, identifying areas for improvement. This hands-on approach helps pupils understand real-world sustainability challenges and implement practical solutions such as reducing electricity use, recycling more effectively, and cutting down on single-use plastics.

Ongoing



Section

Climate Education & Green Skills

Organise A walk to school week

Encouraging pupils and staff to walk, bike, or use public transport instead of driving can reduce emissions and improve local air quality. A Walk to School Week helps raise awareness about the environmental and health benefits of active travel.

Not started

Create a school eco committee

A school eco committee gives pupils the opportunity to lead sustainability projects, influence school policies, and advocate for environmental improvements. This initiative fosters leadership, encourages responsibility, and ensures sustainability remains a core focus in school decision-making.

Started: 17th Nov 2025

Completed: 17th Nov 2025

Completed

