



RSS Climate Action Plan

A **climate action team** students (Eco Club) and staff (ELSA & Forest School Lead) will guide the school's priorities.

Key goals include:

Reducing the school's **carbon footprint**. Educating the school community on sustainability. **Conserving energy** and water. Promoting **recycling** and waste reduction. Creating a **green environment** through tree planting and school gardens.

Impact (Planned Outcomes):

1. Environmental Awareness

- At least **80–90% of pupils** can explain key environmental issues (e.g. climate change, recycling) in age-appropriate language.
- Pupil surveys show a **measurable increase in awareness** before and after activities.
- High participation rates in events like Earth Day and World Environment Day (all classes involved).

2. Knowledge and Critical Thinking

- Pupils can **identify at least 2–3 solutions** to environmental problems during discussions or written work.
- Evidence in books or displays shows **curriculum links to sustainability** across subjects.
- Pupil voice interviews demonstrate **increased confidence in discussing sustainability topics**.

3. Student Leadership (Eco-Club)

- Eco-Club has **regular attendance** (e.g. weekly meetings with consistent membership).
- Pupils lead **at least 2–3 projects per year** (e.g. recycling campaign, litter pick, garden projects).
- Meeting minutes or displays show that **pupil ideas influence school decisions**

4. Behaviour Change

- **Reduction in waste** (e.g. measured decrease in general waste bins over a term).
- Increased use of recycling bins (observations or waste audits).
- Pupils can describe **specific actions they take** (e.g. turning off lights, reusing materials).
- Staff report **noticeable improvements in eco-friendly behaviours**.

5. Long-Term Impact

- Sustainability is **embedded in school policies or curriculum planning**.
- Eco-Club or initiatives are **sustained year-on-year**.
- Older pupils demonstrate **progression in knowledge and responsibility** compared to younger pupils.

5. Whole-School Engagement

- All year groups participate in **at least one sustainability-focused activity per term**.
- Whole-school events are celebrated with **documented evidence** (photos, assemblies, displays).
- Parent/community involvement increases (e.g. attendance at workshops or events).

6. Real-World Impact

- Completion of **visible projects** (e.g. garden/orchard area, tree planting, energy-saving campaign).
- Measurable improvements such as:
 - Reduced energy use
 - Cleaner school grounds
- Pupils can explain **how their actions made a difference**.

Intent	Implementation		
Priority	Actions Required	When?	Other
1. Education & Awareness Integrate climate education into the curriculum . This can include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start an Eco-Club where students lead environmental projects. - Host workshops and inviting guest speakers to talk about climate change and sustainability. - Celebrate key environmental days such as Earth Day and World Environment Day to raise awareness and engage the whole school. 	September 2026 September 2026 Yearly ongoing	Part of ELSA role (new appointment September 2026).
2. Energy Efficiency Improve energy efficiency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct energy audits to identify areas where energy is being wasted. - Run "switch off" campaigns to remind students and staff to turn off lights and electronics when not in use. - Install LED lights, which use less energy and last longer than traditional lighting. - Explore the possibility of installing solar panels to generate clean energy for the school. 	September 2026 Ongoing Ongoing	SBM ELSA + Eco Club SBM SBM
3. Waste Reduction & Recycling .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct waste audits to assess how much waste is produced and where it can be reduced. - Set up recycling stations around the school and educate students on what can be recycled. - Start a composting program to turn food scraps into nutrient-rich soil for the school garden. - Encourage students to bring waste-free lunches by using reusable containers, avoiding single-use plastics, and minimizing food waste 	September 2026 September 2025 September 2025 September 2026	ELSA + Eco Club HT/SBM EC ELSA + Eco Club
4. Water Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install water-saving fixtures like low-flow faucets and toilets. - Harvest rainwater to use in the orchard/wildlife garden - Educate students on the importance of water conservation through hands-on projects and lessons. 	September 2026 (all)	ELSA + Eco Club
5. Greening School Grounds Creating a green and natural environment at school not only benefits the planet but also enhances student well-being.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to develop our school wildlife garden and orchard where students can grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers. - Plant trees to provide shade, clean the air, and improve biodiversity. - Set up outdoor classrooms where students can learn in a natural setting, connecting them with the environment while reducing the need for indoor lighting and heating. 	Ongoing Spring 2026 Ongoing	All
6. Transportation & Carbon Footprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organise "Walk/Bike to School" days to reduce the number of cars on the road. 	September 2026	ELSA + Eco Club
7. Sustainable Procurement	Aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use eco-friendly supplies like recycled paper, non-toxic cleaning products, and energy-efficient equipment. - Source locally to reduce transportation emissions and support local businesses. 	September 2025	All

<p>8. Monitoring & Evaluation</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Set up a system to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Track progress on energy use, waste reduction, and other key sustainability metrics. -Involve students in monitoring projects, such as conducting energy audits or tracking waste production. - Review our progress annually and adjust our action plan as needed. 	<p>September 2026</p>	<p>ELSA + Eco Club</p>
<p>9. Community Engagement</p>	<p>To make a larger impact, aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Involve parents and the local community in your sustainability efforts. This could include inviting parents to participate in Eco-Club activities or holding community clean-up events. - Form partnerships with local businesses, environmental groups, and government agencies to enhance our school's sustainability projects. 	<p>September 2026</p>	<p>ELSA + Eco Club</p>