

Educate Together Commitment to Sustainability & Climate Action

Educate Together Academy Trust is committed to sustainability, environmental responsibility and climate leadership across all our schools. In line with the UK Government's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy for Education, we recognise our responsibility to reduce our environmental impact, prepare our estates for a changing climate, and equip our pupils with the knowledge, skills and values they need for a low-carbon future. The Trust provides strategic leadership to support all schools in developing and delivering Climate Action Plans within a coherent, Trust-wide approach.

Our commitment focuses on the following core areas:

Governance and Leadership

Sustainability and climate action are embedded within Trust governance, decision-making and risk management. We will monitor progress, share best practice and support continuous improvement across all schools.

Decarbonisation and Climate Resilience

We will work to reduce carbon emissions from our buildings and operations, improve energy efficiency, and ensure our schools are increasingly resilient to climate-related risks such as overheating, flooding and extreme weather.

Education for Sustainable Development

We will support schools to embed sustainability and climate education within the curriculum and wider school life, in age-appropriate ways that inspire curiosity, care for the environment and a sense of responsibility in our pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and agency to contribute positively to a sustainable future.

Biodiversity and Natural Environment

We will encourage the protection and enhancement of biodiversity across school sites, encouraging outdoor learning, nature-based activities and positive connections with the natural world.

Responsible Procurement and Resource Use

We will encourage sustainable procurement, waste reduction and efficient use of energy and materials, recognising the links between environmental responsibility and financial sustainability.

Collaboration and Engagement

We will work in partnership with staff, pupils, families, communities and external organisations to strengthen our impact and contribute to wider local and national climate goals.

While each school's Climate Action Plan is shaped by its individual context, all plans align with this Trust-wide commitment and support a coordinated approach across the Trust. Progress will be reviewed regularly, with learning and best practice shared to support continuous improvement.

Through this work, ETAT aims to play a positive role in supporting national climate goals, strengthening our communities, and creating healthy, sustainable learning environments for the children in our care, now and for the future.