

Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

climate action plan

May 2025 – July 2026

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Goal	Action	Steps	Timeline/ Completion date	Resources
Decarbonisation	Planning: Create a decarbonisation plan for the school that includes its heating systems.	<p>Use helpful guides to develop a plan that detail the steps needed to remove gas boilers and improve energy efficiency in buildings.</p> <p>Speak to Claire Mansri, Estates Manager</p> <p>Speak to experts who support schools.</p>	July 2026	<p>Climate Action Decarbonisation Plan Guide.</p> <p>Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>
Decarbonisation	Change behaviours in our communities by running a 'Switch-off' campaign.	<p>Encourage students and staff to turn off lights and monitors.</p> <p>Provide information to parents/carers in your newsletters.</p>	November	<p>Climate Education and Green Careers Switch Off Fortnight 2024 - Teacher Guidance - Twinkl</p>
Establishing your baseline	Understand your school's energy efficiency by conducting a review of energy use.	<p>Review the Recommendation Report from your Display Energy Certificate [DEC] to understand the schools' energy efficiency.</p>	January	<p>Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team</p> <p>Cost: Free – done in house</p> <p>Energy efficiency: guidance for the school</p>

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				and further education college estate - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Establishing your baseline	Understand your school's carbon footprint by identifying where your emissions come from.	Collate data and send to Green Schools Project	January	
Biodiversity	Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by joining an online biodiversity network.	Sign up to Education Nature Park for more resources.	November	Education Nature Park.
Biodiversity	Increase biodiversity on school property by tree planting	Plant more trees in nature area to create a copse. Plant a new wildlife hedge. Order trees from Woodland Trust Source mulch	December	
Biodiversity	Increase biodiversity on school property by giving each class an area to plant.	Apply for Avon Garden Grant Contact Somerdale Shed for support in building planters	September	£250 Grant to be used on planters & compost

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Resilience and adaptation	Planning: monitor heat in classrooms.	Install classroom heat sensors. Train staff to be able to use them and identify when dangerous heat levels are reached. React to levels with appropriate policy and procedure.		Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Low Appoint pupil energy monitors in all classes Energy Sparks
	Prepare our schools for the physical impacts of climate change by installing rainwater harvesting systems.	Conduct a review/ audit of potential rainwater harvesting locations. Install fixtures. Train staff how to use and maintain.	July 26	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: varied, depending on system used Rainwater Harvesting regulations in the UK - What you need to know before installation - Rainwater Harvesting
Climate education and green careers	Share with staff and pupils what climate change action we are taking by promoting successes and achievements	Assemblies, newsletters. Get students involved e.g. with planting or maintaining.	Easter	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free

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	Increase schools' knowledge of climate change by running a student led climate project.	Y4 to lead Carbon Free Schools project	July	Staff: Educational staff/ senior leadership team Cost: Free/ low/ grants available
Active and sustainable Travel	Increase our school's knowledge of active and sustainable travel by signing up to Modeshift STARS school travel plan.	Meet with Travel Plan Officer Administer plan Create school travel plan	Ongoing	Staff: Educational staff/ senior leadership team Cost: Free/ low/
Active and sustainable Travel	Encourage active travel by providing cycle skills for students	Deliver Bikeability (Y5) Organise external cycle skills lessons for students to improve their skills and safety on their bikes	TBC	Staff: Educational staff/ senior leadership team Cost: £600
Encourage active travel by providing cycle to work scheme for school staff.	Promote amongst staff the cycle to work scheme.	Email HR for poster	October	Poster Emails

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Waste, consumption and recycling	Reduce waste by lowering single use plastic.	Review the school's procurement policy and identify any single use plastics that can be eliminated.	Easter	Liaise with Trust
	Increase recycling by improving recycling facilities in the school.	Ensure that all classrooms have a recycling bin. Recruit dedicated recycling monitors to support staff and students.	Easter	Time Posters Assemblies
Food	Reduce food waste by composting food waste at school.	Get a compost bin for fruit and vegetables Use the compost for school gardens.	Easter	Cost: Compost bin for staffroom & EYFS
	Promote plants and reduce meat consumption by having a plant-power day.	Reintroduce Meat-Free Mondays	Sept	

