

Climate Action Plan Sutton Courtenay C of E Primary School 2025- 2026

Progress Key	Climate Action Plan history
Not Started	Last reviewed: 02.03.2026
In Progress	
Stalled	
Complete	

Adaptation and resilience

Taking actions to reduce the risk of flooding and overheating and to future-proof scarce resources for potential shortages

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	NOTES	TRACKER
HEAT				
Adapt and adopt the RET Template heatwave policy so it is applicable to your school setting	Start: March 2026 Review: Annually (before summer term)	Headteacher SBM Teaching Staff RET	Trust wide heatwave policy – to be issued and adapted. Identify cool spaces both indoors and outdoors. Ensure blinds/ventilation systems are operational	
WATER				
Raise awareness around water consumption and efficiency Consider engaging with your local water company who may have an education team or free resources on their	Start: Review:			

websites, from assembly sessions and visits to primary schools for your pupils to webinars, downloadable tools and guides, and more.				
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Biodiversity and nature

Creating habitats and adopting practices that will enhance species diversity on the school estate and beyond

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NATURE				
<p>Take part in The Nature Park</p> <p>The Nature Park aims to embed nature-based learning into the curriculum and encourage children and young people all over the country to take action to improve their site for people and wildlife. The programme provides the support and guidance needed to make this happen, with five key steps in the journey and the actions needed to reach your goals.</p>	<p>Start:</p> <p>Review:</p>			
<p>Establish a gardening/nature club</p> <p>Set up a gardening and/or nature club for pupils or students to join. The club can help develop the school site for nature, outdoor learning and staff and pupil wellbeing. Engage with the wider school community for volunteer support and resources.</p>	<p>Start: January 2025</p> <p>Review:</p>	<p>Caretaker</p>	<p>Gardening club takes place weekly and is lead by the caretaker with a small group of children.</p> <p>Forest school also takes place weekly and is lead by Sally Aitio.</p>	

Climate Education, Green Skills and Green Careers

Ensuring the education you provide gives knowledge-rich and comprehensive teaching about climate change, and that your teaching staff feel supported to offer this

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CULTURE				
Appoint a sustainability lead Appoint a sustainability lead in line with the expectations in the DfE's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy .	Start: March 2026 Review:		Sally Aitio is appointed as the schools sustainability lead.	
Set up an Eco Club or Eco Council for pupils to lead on sustainability initiatives Establish a student Eco-Club or Eco Council. Consider inclusivity and longevity of projects so that as many students as possible can take part throughout their time at school.	Start: January 2026 Review:	Staff Volunteers Pupils	Nature trust that attend school once a term to work with year 4 and once a term to work with the Eco ambassadors.	
GREEN SKILLS 7 CAREERS				
Access the Climate Ambassadors scheme Connect with Climate Ambassadors in your region and invite them to do school assemblies on green skills and curriculum linked topics.	Start: Review:			

Decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency

Calculating and taking actions to reduce carbon emissions and becoming more energy efficient

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	NOTES	TRACKER
ENERGY – BUILDINGS AND RETROFIT				
<p>Calculate your school's carbon footprint using Count Your Carbon</p> <p>This free digital tool allows you to calculate the carbon footprint for your educational setting and gives you a baseline against which to measure progress, year on year.</p>	<p>Start: Review:</p>			
ENERGY – BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE				
<p>Take part in a switch off campaign</p> <p>Take part in a switch off campaign, e.g. Switch Off Fortnight. Aim for 10% reduction of energy use (the typical amount saved by participating schools). Running campaigns before the holiday period (such as a summer switch-down) can lead to reduced energy use over the holiday period.</p>	<p>Start: Review:</p>			
FOOD				
<p>Increase the number of planet friendly, meat-free options on offer every day</p> <p>Increase your daily plant-based and vegetarian offers. From more hot meal options to addressing your sandwich or jacket potato offerings, adding some tasty and interesting meat substitutes will make switching from meat easy and appealing!</p>	<p>Start: Review:</p>	<p>School Chef & RET Catering lead</p>	<p>Vegetarian option already available on the school menu each day.</p>	
WASTE				
<p>Provide students with education on the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling correctly</p>	<p>Start: Review:</p>	<p>Teachers</p>	<p>This is covered in the curriculum in PHSE, supported by resources from Jigsaw.</p>	

<p>Teach students about the waste hierarchy: '<i>Reduce -> Reuse -> Recycle</i>' through a variety of assemblies, workshops and initiatives. These could be run by your eco-team, or waste contractor. Teach how recyclables are processed and the importance of reducing single-use and supporting a circular economy. Organisations such as <u>Wastebuster</u> and <u>Recycle Now</u> have a variety of curriculum-linked resources.</p>				
PROCUREMENT				
<p>Develop your uniform exchange and extend existing reuse practices.</p> <p>Evaluate your uniform exchange to track how many items are being re-used, and set a target/take steps to increase its uptake e.g. improved communications to the wider school community and putting systems in place to receive uniform donations from school leavers. Make sure to include PE kit too!</p>	<p>Start: Review:</p>			
TRANSPORT				
<p>Undertake a baseline survey of staff, students, and parents to understand current travel and commuting patterns, barriers to zero-carbon and active travel, and opportunities to reduce Scope 3 emissions, informing future initiatives to promote sustainable travel and transport..</p>	<p>Start: Review:</p>	<p>Headteacher SBM Teaching staff</p>	<p>OCC-Katherine Horsepool-Developing a school Travel Plan and promoting the benefits of active travel.</p>	