North Westminster Federation

Working Together to Grow Our Future

Hallfield Primary School

Climate action plan

As part of the Department for Education's (DfE) requirements, this plan includes at least one action from these four key areas:

1. decarbonisation
2. biodiversity
3. adaptation and resilience
4. climate education and green careers goals

At Hallfield Primary School, the School Council, the business manager and the sustainability team have evaluated the four categories and established that **climate education**, **reducing waste and improving recycling** are our priorities.

Goal	*Action*	*Steps*	*Timeline for the action or expected completion date*	*Resources*
Establishing the baseline	Examine ▪ how much energy our school buildings use and what is already in place to reduce energy use. ▪ waste generation ▪ water usage ▪ how transport is used to get to and from the school	▪ Measure energy usage across a week by taking readings. ▪ Record the daily waste by visiting classrooms and staff room and noting how much waste there is and the type (bin inspection) ▪ Look at Water use communication from provider. This is already monitored by business manager MM. ▪ Transport survey of children	June 2025	People / time

Decarbonisation School already has begun introducing solar panels, it uses LED lights, heating switched off in communal areas in the main building including corridors. The school has SMART meters (2).	Identify any areas of unnecessary energy use	1. Monitor energy use though walk arounds focusing on: • lights being left on • computers being left on 2. Survey around use of air conditioner / heating in junior block – are they being left on? 3. Raise awareness and set expectations of energy use with staff and children.	Autumn term (when lights are needed) Summer term 2025 June 2nd, 5th for air conditioner. Autumn term dates for heating (temperatures and use in empty rooms) Autumn 1 (2025) Autumn 2	

Biodiversity The school already has a wide range of trees and plants on site. The biodiversity of the site is under the protection of National Heritage. There is a natural green screen in place. Children recently did insect hunts and as a result we put 'bug hotels' around the school to attract insects.	Establish a Forest School with emphasis on celebrating and exploring the biodiversity of the school as well as learning about how best to care for it.	Grant application for training. Train RE as forest school lead. Identify an area and equipment required. Classes start accessing the forest school	May 2025 September 2025 October 2025 Autumn 2	

Climate education Currently Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 look at biodiversity, being 'green' and the human impact on natural resources.	Establish a climate focus for the school council. Raise awareness of how we can reduce waste and energy use based on the data and chosen focus. Forest School	Identify partnerships for supporting sustainability: Eco schools work. Embed sustainability foci into each half term Participate in key dates across the year. Introduce forest school	Apply June 2025 Map out in July 2025, implement from September 2025	
Waste, consumption and recycling	Reduce the consumption of paper and increase recycling.	Review the curriculum and its implementation in terms of worksheets and additional paper usage Set rules and expectations around waste disposal for classrooms. Provide the necessary resources and training to implement them.	Summer 2 (2025) September 2025	

Action plan goal: Establishing a baseline

Action	*Steps*	*Timeline for the action or expected completion date*	*Resources*	*Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)*	*Tools, resources and information (optional)*	*Funding opportunities (optional)*
Understand your school's waste by conducting a bin audit.	Conduct bin audit. Review findings and propose recommendations to reduce or recycle waste.	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free if using above tools	None	How to do a plastic waste bin audit - Plastic Free July Climate Friendly Audit – Climate Friendly Schools	Free
Understand your school's energy efficiency by conducting a	Review the Recommendation Report from your Display Energy	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team	None	Energy efficiency: guidance for the school and further education college	Free

review of energy use.	Certificate [DEC] to understand the schools' energy efficiency.		Cost: Free – done in house		estate - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
Understand your pollution risk by identifying sources of air pollution and using the local monitors of air quality.	Review pollution levels of schools Conduct air quality survey using local measuring equipment Liaise with airquality@westminster.com and their action plan.	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free- monitors already in place locally	Air quality	London Air Quality Network. Mayor's school air quality audit programme Breathe London airquality@westminster.com	
Understand your curriculum by reviewing for climate	Review curriculum to understand where climate change/ careers	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior	Air quality	Our City, our world Conceptual milestones And key vocabulary	Free

change content.	features/ could feature.		leadership team Cost: Free- several projects offer opportunities		(ourcityourworld.co.uk) Tracked changes project	

Action plan goal: Climate education

Action	*Steps*	*Timeline for the action or expected completion date*	*Resources*	*Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans)* *(optional)*	*Tools, resources and information* *(optional)*	*Funding opportunities* *(optional)*
Establish an Eco council with children and adults to undertake projects and raise	Identify volunteers Register with Eco school program Review the	September (month) 1 day		Crosses over with reducing waste and emissions. Includes more people to undertake tasks.		

awareness	school audit Select foci for each half term to promote and teach about sustainability	1 day then monthly meetings with interim tasks				
Share with staff and pupils what climate change action we are taking by promoting successes and achievements.	Assemblies, newsletters. Get students involved through the school council and Eco council work.	1 day	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Relevant to all action plan goals		Free
Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by inviting external speakers to come into	Arrange for external speakers to come into school to run workshops/ talks.	1 week	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free- several projects offer opportunities	None	Eco Active's Green Influencers Scheme Energy Garden Climate Ed Education Business Alliance – Education Business Alliance	Free

school.					(southwarkeba.org.uk)	
Increase our school's knowledge of climate change initiatives by joining a climate network.	Research networks and decide which is the best for your school to keep up to date with latest information and opportunities. Sign up to the network. Start engaging with network, attend meetings, read newsletters etc.	1 day, then ongoing	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Sustainablecitycharter: https://www.westminster.gov.uk/fairer-environment-hub/take-environmental-action-organisation/sustainable-city-charter Home - Eco Schools (eco-schools.org.uk)	Free

Action plan goal: waste reduction and recycling

Action	*Steps*	*Timeline for the action or expected completion date*	*Resources*	*Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)*	*Tools, resources and information (optional)*	*Funding opportunities (optional)*
Encourage reuse by running second-hand uniform event.	Run a uniform event at school for second hand uniform exchange and purchase.	1 week	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	None	Uniformd	Free
Reduce waste by banning single use plastic water bottles.	Newsletter to inform parents Offer discounted reusable water bottles for children.	1 week, ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Low	Climate Education and Green Careers		Coastal Fountain Fund 2024 | Sea-Changers

Increase recycling by improving recycling facilities in the school.	Ensure that all classrooms have a recycling bin. Reduce the number of 'general waste' bins and put them in communal areas Recruit dedicated recycling monitors to support staff and students.	1 week – ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Low	None		
Increase our school's knowledge of waste, consumption and recycling by running a campaign at school to:	Advertise in newsletters. Hold assemblies and lessons. Run poster competition for students. Advertise on	1 month	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Varying	Climate Education and Green Careers	Home | Race against waste Educator Hub - Junk Kouture	

• remove single use plastics • promote recycling, repairing, reusing, and reducing waste.	website. Join a competitive challenge.					