



Our World

By 2030, Abbey Multi Academy Trust will be a beacon of sustainability in education — empowering pupils, staff, and communities to lead climate-conscious lives, while ensuring our estate, curriculum, and culture are resilient, inclusive, and environmentally responsible. This aligns with the DfE’s national vision: *“The United Kingdom is the world-leading education sector in sustainability and climate change by 2030.”*

Abbey Multi Academy Trust has made significant progress on its journey toward net zero. Since 2020, the Trust has embedded sustainability into its **culture**, **curriculum**, and **operations**. A Trust Sustainability Lead and a Climate Champion have been appointed to drive delivery and accountability. Using the Saving Creation Toolkit and Energy Footprint Tool, each school developed tailored climate action plans. Eco-Champions were appointed across all schools, forming a cross-Trust Sustainability Group to share best practices. Major infrastructure upgrades were delivered through £6 million in funding, including air source heat pumps, solar PV arrays,

LED lighting, and insulation improvements, saving over 700 tonnes of CO₂e annually and generating over 1 million kWh of solar energy. Biodiversity reviews were completed across all sites with PECT, and the Trust is working with the National Education Nature Park to enhance green spaces. Recognition includes Eco Schools Green Flag Awards, commendations at the Leeds Global Learning Awards, and a MAT Excellence Award shortlist. These efforts reflect a unified, strategic approach to sustainability that is already delivering measurable environmental and educational impact.

Our Sustainability Vision

www.abbeymat.co.uk/sustainability

Our Strategic Ambition

We are an **environmentally sustainable organisation**, our pupils are **economically aware** and our careers programme supports young people to make well-informed choices through the reach and depth of our offer. We proactively engage with and **give back to our local communities**.





Excellence in Education

- Embed sustainability across the curriculum using Department for Education initiatives and partnerships.
- Establish student Eco Councils in all academies.
- Launch an annual climate literacy survey for school leavers, starting from 2025, to track understanding and inform curriculum development.



Resilient to Climate Change

- Conduct and publish an annual climate risk assessment covering flood, overheating and water scarcity risks for each academy site, beginning in 2025.
- Use insights from the National Education Nature Park and DfE's Sustainability Support for Education to inform site-specific adaptation strategies.



Net Zero

- Establish annual reporting for on-site emissions across the estate to inform our action plans and strategy.
- Integrate carbon reduction targets into the Trust's Three-Year Strategic Plan and academy development plans.



A Better Environment for Future Generations

- Complete a biodiversity baseline across the estate by the end of 2025, and report annually on improvements.
- Communicate regularly with staff and stakeholders about progress and opportunities for involvement.
- Engage pupils in biodiversity projects and capture student voice on sustainability issues.

Implementation Framework

Governance and Accountability

- Appoint a Sustainability Lead at Trust and academy levels by the end of 2025, in line with DfE guidance.
- Integrate climate action KPIs into academy development plans.

Monitoring and Reporting

- Publish an annual Climate Action Progress Report each July, aligned with the academic year-end.
- Include climate metrics in the Trust's existing performance dashboards and trustee reports.

Partnerships and Engagement

- Continue collaboration with the Nature Park, Lets Go Zero, and other regional and national partners.
- Continue to work with Value Match Sustainability for Schools.
- Host an annual Trust-wide Sustainability Summit to share best practices, celebrate achievements, and engage stakeholders.

Our initial Sustainable Development Goals:

4 Quality Education, **7** Affordable and Clean Energy, **12** Responsible Consumption & Production, **13** Climate Action, **15** Life on Land



How you can get involved

Passionate about protecting our environment?
Join us in making a real impact in your school and community.

Discover how you can get involved:
www.abbeymat.co.uk/sustainability
or have a chat with your academy head.