



Vicarage Park CE School
Climate action plan
2026-2028

Goal	Actions	Completed by	Expected completion date	Resources
Baseline <i>Establish school's carbon footprint baseline</i>	Use an online tool such as Keep Britain Tidy's to get a breakdown of carbon emissions.		Autumn 2026	Count Your Carbon - Eco Schools (eco-schools.org.uk) Energy-walkabout-guide Guide.pdf (southwarkclimatecollective.co.uk)
Baseline <i>Establish school's waste baseline</i>	Conduct bin audit. Review findings and propose recommendations to reduce or recycle waste.		Autumn 2026	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team How to do a plastic waste bin audit - Plastic Free July Climate Friendly Audit – Climate Friendly Schools
Biodiversity <i>Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by joining</i>	Sign up to Education Nature Park for more resources and complete a site audit.		Autumn 2026	Education Nature Park.

<i>an online biodiversity network</i>				
Biodiversity <i>Increase biodiversity on school property by rewilding areas of school's grounds.</i>	Select an area of school ground suitable for rewilding. Decide what type of rewilding (wildflower field, pond, insect hotels etc.). Buy native plants, stop using chemicals/ pesticides. Let the area grow. Educate staff and students on their maintenance.		Summer 2027	Operation Future Hope Seven simple ways to create a wildlife-friendly garden Natural History Museum (nhm.ac.uk) How to make your garden wilder Rewilding Britain
Decarbonisation Planning: assess how well you are using your existing heat system/s.	Check that your building/s management and heating systems are running efficiently and correctly.		Summer 2028	Zero Carbon Action Builder — Retrofit Action for Tomorrow

Decarbonisation Waste, Consumption and Recycling <i>Increase recycling by improving recycling facilities in the school</i>	Ensure that all classrooms have a recycling bin. Recruit dedicated recycling monitors to support staff and students. Review the school's procurement policy and ensure paper purchased is recycled.		Autumn 2026	
Decarbonisation Active and Sustainable Travel <i>Increase our school's knowledge of active and sustainable travel.</i>	Perform a baseline travel audit for staff and pupils. Choose travel initiatives and work on them through the year. Perform an end of year travel audit to measure effect of initiatives.		Summer 2027	
Decarbonisation Food <i>Promote plants and reduce meat consumption by</i>	Have a plant-power or meat free day in the canteen. Teach about the benefits of reduced meat and more plants in your diet. Teach how to make nutritional and tasty vegetarian meals.		Spring 2027	Meat free Mondays guide for educators

<i>having a plant-power day.</i>				
Decarbonisation Food <i>Reduce food waste by composting food waste at school.</i>	Get a compost bin. Use the compost for school gardens.		Autumn 2026	Get your school composting for free
Climate adaptation and Resilience <i>Planning: Assess your school's risk and vulnerability to climate change.</i>	Use tools to assess your climate risk. Vulnerability analysis to identify the most at-risk areas of the school, such as aging infrastructure or vulnerable student populations.		Summer 2027	Local Climate Adaptation Tool (lcat.uk) This provides information on health and community impacts of weather hazards in your local area Adaptation Scotland Resources including workplace resilience to extreme weather in schools and lesson plans to engage students Climate Just maps Understand how health, social and economic inequality and other vulnerabilities impact your local risk.

Climate adaptation and Resilience <i>Planning: create a climate adaptation plan.</i>	Engage stakeholders to tailor CAPs based on specific school needs and local climate risks. Assess measures based on your climate risk profile, your available resources, and co-benefits. Begin with 'quick win' measures that require minimal investment and show immediate benefits to build momentum. Include measures to build adaptive capacity, for instance thinking about how you can showcase the benefits of a measure as an educational opportunity to teachers, pupils, and parents.		Autumn 2028	WWF resources for planning Guidance from Lambeth Adaptation Scotland :: The Framework - this guide from Scotland provides a framework for organisations including schools to develop their plans
Climate adaptation and Resilience <i>Planning: Develop emergency response plans to build resilience in the school.</i>	Establish protocols for rapid recovery after climate events. Ensure you are proactively planning to mitigate risk for vulnerable staff and students, including those with preexisting health vulnerabilities and social vulnerabilities.		Spring 2028	Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Local Authority Climate Service (metoffice.gov.uk) Provides helpful information on what hazards might make you at risk. Local Climate Adaptation Tool (lcat.uk) Provides helpful information on

				community and health impacts to plan for. Take action - Adaptation Scotland Climate adaptation toolkit and risk generator (localpartnerships.gov.uk) Use the risk generator to understand what risks impact education. The toolkit may have helpful activities but is geared to local authorities so goes beyond the level of depth needed here.
Climate adaptation and Resilience Air Quality <i>Planning: Create Clean Air Action Plan.</i>	Create Clean Air Action Plan		Spring 2027	The Clean Air for Schools Framework
Climate adaptation and Resilience Air Quality <i>Create an asthma friendly school plan</i>	Collect a register of all pupils with asthma. Create a school wide emergency asthma plan . Choose an asthma lead. Adopt a policy for inhaler techniques and emergency treatment.		Summer 2027	Asthma friendly schools - Transformation Partners in Health and Care

	Create a system for identifying children who are missing school because of asthma.			
Climate education and Green careers <i>Increase our school's knowledge of climate change initiatives by joining a climate network.</i>	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.		Autumn 2026	Home - Eco Schools (eco-schools.org.uk) UK Climate Change • Let's Go Zero (letsgozero.org)
Climate education and Green careers <i>Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by incorporating it in more lessons.</i>	Get lead staff on board early. Use resources with information on how to embed. Embed climate change in other lessons. Review impact.		Summer 2028	Teaching for Sustainable Futures Brighton and Hove's Our City Our World tool Teach the Future website

Leadership, Culture and Strategy	Create Action groups – whole school - organised by house groups - each group with a specific Pillar to focus on for 1 year (e.g. Biodiversity).		Summer 2028	
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