



Sulhamstead & Ufton Nervet CE Primary School

Climate action plan 2026-2027

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

Goal	Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources
1. Decarbonisation	Revisit Decarbonisation Survey from 2022 Climate Ambassadors Audit	1. Undertake audit of the current situation 2. Apply for Climate Ambassadors Audit	1 month	Decarbonisation survey
3. Decarbonisation	Reduce carbon emissions in our buildings installing Solar Panels as renewable energy generation	1. Gather 3 quotes 2. Explore opportunities for funding streams 3. Apply for funding	12 months - Autumn term 2027	Staff involved: Governors, senior leadership team. No cost

		4. Book convenient time for completion of works		
4. Decarbonisation	Reduce carbon emissions in our buildings by teaching lessons outside.	Plan a lesson outdoors each day. Make the most of your outdoor environments and bring students outside for lessons.	Immediately All staff Cost: free	Teach Outdoors, Education through outdoor learning A Teachers Guide to Adapting Lesson Plans for Outdoor Learning (dbdplay.com) Institute for Outdoor Learning – Home (outdoor-learning.org) Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre Schools & Training — Project Rewild
5. Establishing our baseline	Understand your school's carbon footprint by identifying where your emissions come from.	Use online tool Keep Britain Tidy's to get a breakdown of carbon emissions. Add CAP to Governor Meeting standing orders Sign up to Sustainability Support for Education – (look at 'Topics' and links will be made to 4 CAP areas) https://www.sustainabilitysupportforeducation.org.uk/	1 month	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free if using resources provided

6. Establishing our baseline	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, senior leadership team Cost: Free if using above tools
7. Biodiversity	Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by starting a gardening club. (Bee Keeping?)	Locate an area to garden. Advertise amongst pupils. Install waterbutts for water collection for plants Grow plants and get students involved in maintenance/ harvest. Sign up for Nature Park & map school habitats 	Spring term 2027 All staff – volunteer to run club Cost: low	Simple gardening club ideas / RHS Campaign for School Gardening National Education Nature Park resources https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/

8. Resilience and adaptation	Assess our school's risk and vulnerability to climate change.	Use tools to assess our climate risk. Vulnerability analysis to identify the most at-risk areas of the school, such as aging infrastructure or vulnerable student populations	Spring 2027	Climate Risk Mapping - London Datastore This provides a map of your heat and flood vulnerability Local Climate Adaptation Tool (lcat.uk) This provides information on health and community impacts of weather hazards in your local area
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9. Resilience and adaptation	Create risk assessment to relax dress code in periods of hot weather. adjust school hours for periods of extreme weather. monitor heat in classrooms.	Encourage pupils to wear loose, light-coloured clothing. Sunhats. Sunscreen. Teachers should also encourage children to take off their jumpers. Have a policy in place for adjusting hours during periods of extreme weather. 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. Install air conditioning/heater units	Summer 2026 Low	
10. 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. Add sustainability page on website (CAP)	Autumn term 2026 All staff/parents Cost: free	

11. Climate education and green careers	Increase our school's knowledge of climate change initiatives by joining a climate network. Increase 'solutions to climate change' across curriculum	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. Engage ECO TEAM as advocates Sign up to Let's Go Zero Contact Thames Water and Climate Ambassadors for Careers Fair	Spring 2027 Eco team Cost: Free	Southwark Climate Action Schools. For more information please contact ClimateEmergency@southwark.gov.uk Home - Eco Schools (eco-schools.org.uk) UK Climate Change • Let's Go Zero (letsgozero.org)
12. Active and sustainable Travel	Encourage active travel by providing cycle skills for students.	Bikeability Y5-6 Organise external cycle skills lessons for students to improve their skills and safety on their bikes Extend to parents and carers. Extend to teaching staff.	Autumn 2026 Cost to parents	Cycle Training for Everyone - Deliver Safer Training Bikeability
13. Air quality	Monitor air quality outside for children with Asthma	Act upon WB advice for air quality	Autumn 2026	

14. 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.	Cost: low	
15. Waste, consumption and recycling	Run regular second-hand uniform events.	Run uniform events at school for second hand uniform exchange and purchase.	FoS No cost	
16. Food	Reduce food waste by improving food offer and quality of food served in school lunch hall	Change school caterers	Cost: increased cost to parents for meals Cost to school to subsidise FSM shortfall	Crumbs: https://www.crumbsfoodco.com/