

Climate Action Plan



Hylton Castle Primary School



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At Hylton Castle Primary School, we believe that small actions can lead to big changes, and we're excited to take steps toward a greener, more sustainable future. Our Climate Action Plan is all about creating a positive impact on the environment while inspiring our students, staff, and families to work together for a cleaner, healthier world.

From reducing waste to saving energy, we are committed to making eco-friendly choices that will benefit not only our school but the community around us. By embracing these efforts, we hope to encourage everyone at Hylton Castle Primary School to become climate champions and help build a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.

SUMMARY

In progress: 11 items
Completed: 5 items





Section

DECARBONISATION

INSTALL SOLAR PANELS

Installing solar panels requires an MCS certified installer to install them. They will normally be able to give you an idea of the amount of solar panels that can fit on the premises. You'll need to also decide if you would like a battery system as well, to help store energy during winter months when there is less sunshine available.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

IN PROGRESS

RUN A SWITCH OFF CAMPAIGN

A switch-off campaign raises awareness about energy consumption and encourages simple behavioural changes to reduce waste. Schools can run competitions, put up reminder posters, and conduct audits to track energy savings. Engaging pupils through classroom discussions and real-time energy monitoring can make energy efficiency a long-term habit.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

IN PROGRESS





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DECARBONISATION

TRAVEL SURVEY

A travel survey helps schools gather data on pupil and staff commuting habits. By understanding travel patterns, schools can identify opportunities to encourage more sustainable travel options such as walking, cycling, carpooling, or using public transport. This information can support decisions on bike rack installations, road safety improvements, and incentive programs for eco-friendly commuting.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

IN PROGRESS

CARRY OUT A BUILDING ENERGY AUDIT

Conducting a building energy audit helps schools pinpoint areas of energy waste, from heating inefficiencies to unnecessary lighting. Schools can use professional energy assessors or pupil-led monitoring programs to analyse energy usage and recommend improvements. Findings can inform decisions on insulation, lighting upgrades, and behaviour-based energy-saving strategies.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

Completed: 28th Aug 2025

COMPLETED



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DECARBONISATION

INSTALL LED LIGHTING

LED lighting is a cost-effective and energy-efficient alternative to traditional incandescent and fluorescent bulbs. By switching to LED lighting, schools can significantly reduce electricity consumption and maintenance costs while lowering their carbon footprint. LED bulbs also generate less heat, improving classroom comfort and reducing the need for air conditioning.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

Completed: 28th Aug 2025

COMPLETED



Section

ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

CREATE A HEATWAVE HEALTH AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

As heatwaves become more common due to climate change, schools must ensure the wellbeing of pupils and staff during extreme temperatures. A heatwave health and safety assessment should include installing shaded seating areas, increasing hydration points, improving ventilation, and adjusting schedules during hot weather. Proactive planning helps prevent heat-related illnesses while fostering a healthier, more resilient learning environment.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

IN PROGRESS

PLAN A SCHOOL-WIDE ENERGY REDUCTION CHALLENGE

Engaging pupils and staff in an energy-saving challenge builds awareness and encourages sustainable habits. Schools can track electricity consumption and reward classrooms that achieve the highest reductions.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

IN PROGRESS



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ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

PURCHASE SCHOOL-BRANDED REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

Schools can distribute school-branded reusable water bottles to encourage pupils and staff to move away from single-use plastic bottles. Paired with hydration stations, this initiative promotes healthier drinking habits while reducing plastic waste. Schools may consider offering bottles as part of a welcome pack or fundraising effort.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

Completed: 28th Aug 2025

COMPLETED





Section

BIODIVERSITY

CARRY OUT A NATURE SURVEY

Schools can conduct nature surveys to document the species of plants, insects, and animals found on school grounds. This information can help identify areas for biodiversity improvement, such as adding nesting boxes, planting native species, or reducing pesticide use. Engaging pupils in biodiversity monitoring promotes conservation awareness and scientific curiosity.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

IN PROGRESS

JOIN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Community environmental initiatives such as tree planting, litter picking, or local green space protection projects can provide excellent opportunities for pupils and staff to make a positive impact on their local environment. These initiatives also help build a culture of sustainability within your school or MAT.

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BIODIVERSITY

PARTICIPATE IN THE RSPB BIRDWATCH

Schools can engage pupils in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Birdwatch, an annual citizen science event where participants record and report bird sightings. This initiative helps develop observation skills, raises awareness of biodiversity, and contributes valuable data for conservation efforts. Schools can integrate this activity into science and geography lessons to reinforce learning.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

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WORK WITH THE PUPILS TO GET THEIR VIEWS ON HOW THE SCHOOL SITE SHOULD LOOK

Schools can involve pupils in decision-making about their learning environment, ensuring that sustainability considerations are incorporated. Whether through workshops, surveys, or school councils, pupil input can lead to more effective green space planning, improved outdoor learning areas, and projects that align with their needs and interests. Involving pupils also increases their sense of ownership and responsibility for the school environment.

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BIODIVERSITY

BUILD AN INSECT HOTEL

Log piles and disused wood pallets can be used to create a natural habitat for insects, amphibians, and fungi, enhancing biodiversity and promoting decomposition processes. They can be strategically placed in school gardens to serve as learning tools for ecology studies.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

Completed: 28th Aug 2025

COMPLETED



Section

CLIMATE EDUCATION & GREEN SKILLS

HOST A SUSTAINABILITY-THEMED ASSEMBLY EACH TERM

Hosting a sustainability-themed assembly each term ensures that pupils remain engaged with environmental topics. These events can feature guest speakers, pupil-led presentations, and school-wide challenges to encourage participation. Assemblies help build a culture of sustainability and reinforce its importance throughout the school community.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

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ORGANISE A WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Encouraging pupils and staff to walk, bike, or use public transport instead of driving can reduce emissions and improve local air quality. A Walk to School Week helps raise awareness about the environmental and health benefits of active travel.

Started: 28th Aug 2025

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CLIMATE EDUCATION & GREEN SKILLS

IMPLEMENT A SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Schools can work with suppliers to source uniforms made from organic, recycled, or ethically produced materials. Encouraging second-hand uniform sales and repair workshops can further reduce waste and environmental impact.

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