

Temple Ewell CEP School
Action Plan: Climate Action and Sustainability 2025-2026

Objective:
 To implement effective climate action strategies in line with the DfE’s Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, engaging students, staff, and the community in reducing carbon footprints, enhancing biodiversity, and promoting sustainable practices.

1. Implement a School Climate Action Plan	Goal: Develop and launch a School Climate Action Plan (CAP) by Term 2, 2025.	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with Climate Action Advisors from the Let’s Go Zero campaign. Measure the school's initial carbon footprint using the Count Your Carbon tool. Set reduction targets for energy, waste, and water consumption. Involve the School Council (an Eco Committee member) to monitor and drive student engagement in CAP activities. 	Resources: Let’s Go Zero free Climate Action Advisors. Tools: Free School Carbon Footprint Calculator.	Success Criteria: CAP developed and presented by the Eco-Committee by end of Term 1; carbon footprint reduced by 5% by end of 2025.	Monitoring: Monthly reports from the school council; progress reviewed in Termly staff meetings.
2. Improve Energy Efficiency	Goal: Reduce energy consumption by upgrading to renewable and efficient systems.	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the energy data using LASER’s bureau service to track energy usage. Explore feasibility schedule energy-saving workshops for students and staff. 	Resources: LASER's energy consultancy and LED lighting frameworks Free desktop solar assessment.	Success Criteria: 10% reduction in energy costs by the end of 2026.	Monitoring: Quarterly energy audits through LASER's portal .
3. Enhance Biodiversity and Nature Projects	Goal: Increase biodiversity on school grounds through wildlife and gardening initiatives.	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the Wilder Kent Awards and create a wildflower meadow. Launch a pupil gardening club to manage seasonal vegetable patches. Involve students in biodiversity tracking through species identification projects. Nature Club running in school. 	Resources: Funding: Apply for Tree Council grants to establish trees, hedges, and orchards. Wildflower seeds and gardening tools funded by The	Success Criteria: A wildflower meadow or wildlife pond completed by end of Term 3	Monitoring: Bi-monthly updates from gardening club and biodiversity assessments.

			Stobart Sustainability Fund.		
4. Engage Students in Climate Education and Green Careers	Goal: Foster student leadership and provide hands-on experience with sustainability projects.	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage participation in Greener Kent Schools Competitions such as Pizza Planet and Blue Peter Earthshot. • Run STEM/Eco clubs focused on sustainability topics, using the Team Repair Kits. • Invite Climate Ambassadors to deliver workshops and support student-led climate initiatives. 	Resources: Climate Ambassadors from the University of Reading's South-East Hub. STEM activity kits like Team Repair to engage students in sustainability.	Success Criteria: At least 50% of Year 5 and Year 6 students actively participate in climate-related activities by the end of Term 4.	Monitoring: Track student involvement through club attendance and feedback surveys.
5. Promote Sustainable Travel	Goal: Encourage greener commuting options to reduce carbon emissions.	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a Walk-to-School campaign and work with the local council on safe cycling routes. 	Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustrans resources for promoting sustainable travel. 	Success Criteria: 10% reduction in car journeys by the end of the academic year.	Monitoring: Bi-termly travel surveys to track progress
6. Secure Funding for Sustainability Projects	Goal: Apply for available grants to support the implementation of the school's sustainability projects.	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit applications for Royal Society Partnership Grants (up to £3,000) and British Science Week Kick Start Grants. • Explore food security funding through Tesco's Stronger Starts and Communigrow partnerships. 		Success Criteria: Successful funding for at least two major sustainability projects by Term 2	Monitoring: Grant application progress tracked by school administration and reviewed in staff meetings.