



Calmore Junior School Climate Action Plan 2025 and 2026

As part of the Department for Education's (DfE) requirements, the plan will need to include at least *one action* from these four key areas:

1. **Decarbonisation**

The actions could help you reduce carbon emissions that are caused by your school

2. **Biodiversity**

The actions help to improve habitat and biodiversity around your school

3. **Adaptation and resilience**

These actions help to understand the impacts of climate change on the school and what might be done to improve the school's resilience to weather impacts like flooding and overheating through adaptation measures

4. **Climate education and green careers goals**

The actions will help you build capacity on climate change and its impact within school

Additional:

1. **Active and sustainable travel**

These actions help to understand how travel can impact on climate change

2. **Air quality**

These actions relate directly to improving air quality in and around the school to benefit all stakeholders

3. **Waste consumption and recycling**

These actions seek to reduce waste and consumption and improve recycling in school

4. **Food**

These actions will seek to reduce meat consumption and food waste



	Area	Action	Steps	Timeline for action / completion date	Resources
Decarbonisation Taking action to reduce carbon emissions	Lighting	Reduce carbon emissions in our building by changing lights bulbs to LED	Ensure that all new lights are LED Most have been replaced now	ongoing	Climate Action Decarbonisation Plan Guide website
	Heating	Planning and assess buildings for draughts and leaks to reduce heating demand	Assess building for areas of heat loss Make small changes to help prevent heat loss e.g. draft excluders Use energy saving trust for more tips	6 months	Energy Saving trust website for ideas Cost free
	Heating	Planning and assess we are using our existing heating systems	Check that the buildings management and heating systems are running	6 months	Site manager and HT Cost: free
	Teaching	Reduce carbon emissions in the building by teaching lessons outside	Plan a lesson outdoors. Make the most of the outdoor environments and take the children outside.	1 day	Teachers and SLT Teach outdoors education through outdoor learning website Institute for Outdoor learning- Home (outdoor learning.org) <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i> Cost: Free
	Lighting	Change behaviours in the school by running a 'switch off' campaign	Encourage children and staff to turn off lights and monitors. Provide information to parents/ carers in newsletters ECO councillors group	One month	Staff and SLT Switch off Fortnight Free 2024- Teacher Guidance -Twinkl website <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i> Cost: Free



Biodiversity Engaging with the National Education Nature Park	Teaching	Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by joining an online biodiversity network	Sign up to Education Nature Park for more resources	1 day	SLT Cost: Free Education Nature Park website
	Teaching	Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by continuing to run a gardening club	Continue to educate children on how to grow plants and get children involved in maintenance and harvest of fruit and vegetables through gardening club and regular lessons in the garden and assemblies to taste the produce	seasonal	SLT and After school Club staff Simple gardening club ideas/ RHS Campaign for School Gardening website <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i> Cost: Free
	Teaching	Increase biodiversity on school grounds by rewilding areas of the school grounds	Select an area of ground suitable for rewilding- in conjunction with gardening club Decide what type of rewilding (Wildflower field, insect hotels etc) Buy native plants, stop using chemicals and pesticides Let the area grow Educate staff and children on its maintenance	seasonal	Teaching staff, , caretaker and Cost: Free How to make your garden wilder/ rewilding Britain website Operation future hope website
	Teaching	Increase biodiversity on school grounds by growing food at your school	Continue to use garden area to grow food. Grow food and get staff and children involved in the maintenance Distribute food for children to eat	1-12 months	Staff Cost: Low Food Growing and Gardening / edible Rotherhithe website Who we are/ Food Growing Schools London website



Adaptation and resilience <i>taking action to reduce the risk of flooding and overheating</i>	Planning	Develop emergency response plans to build resilience in school	Establish protocols for rapid recovery after climate events. Ensure you are proactively planning to mitigate risk for vulnerable staff and children including those with pre-existing health and social vulnerabilities	1-3 months	SLT Cost: Free/ Low 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)
	Planning	Monitor heat in classrooms	Install heat monitors Identify when dangerous heat levels are reached React to levels with appropriate policy and procedure	1 week	SLT Cost: Low
	Planning	Remind families of the policy to relax dress code in periods of hot weather	Encourage children to wear loose, light-coloured clothing. Sunhats Sunscreen Educate children through PSHE/ assemblies/ visitors	1 day	All staff Cost: Free Hot weather and heatwaves: guidance for schools and other education settings- The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk) <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i>
	Planning	Increase the school's knowledge of resilience and adaptation by raising awareness and educating	Integrate climate education into the curriculum. Involve students and staff in resilience- building activities	1 month	SLT Cost: Free <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i>
	Planning	Increase the school's knowledge of resilience and adaptation by promoting water conservation practices.	Run a campaign within your school. This could include posters or newsletters about conserving and not wasting water.	1 month	SLT Cost: Free Conserving water/ RHS Campaign for School Gardening The Pod / Water week (jointhepod.org)



	Planning	Prepare our school for the physical impacts of overheating from climate by installing shading	Investigate purchase of shelters for more shading Install and train staff on how to maintain. Encourage pupils to use during hot weather Use gazebos in the summer on the field	Seasonal	SLT and site assistant Cost: Dependant on shading chosen
Climate education <i>Making sure the education provided gives knowledge rich</i>	Teaching	Share with staff and children what climate change action is being taken by sharing plan and promoting successes and achievements	Assemblies newsletters	1 day	SLT Cost: Free
	Teaching	Increase our school's knowledge of climate change initiatives by joining a climate network	Research networks and decide which is the best to for your school to keep up to date with latest information and opportunities. Sign up to the network and start engaging	One day then ongoing	Teaching staff and SLT Cost: free UK Climate Change – Let's Go Zero (letsgozero.org) Home – Eco Schools (eco-schools.org.uk)
	Teaching	Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by teaching climate change beyond the limitations of the classroom	Use resources to find ways to learn outside of the classroom	1 day	Teaching staff and penguin staff Cost: Free Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre website



Active and sustainable travel <i>Improve air quality</i>	Travel	Encourage active travel by providing bike/ scooter storage	Locate suitable and secure space within school grounds Fundraise to install the scooter pods given by school travel plan Install and use	2 months	SLT Cost; Dependant on cost of installation of concrete area and storage
Air quality	Planning	Create an asthma friendly school plan Adopt a policy for inhaler techniques and emergency treatment Create a system for identifying children who are missing from school because of asthma	Collect a register of all children with asthma	1 week	Admin staff Cost: Free
Waste, consumption	Reduce	Reduce waste by banning single use plastics in school kitchen	Replace plastic cutlery with reusable cutlery	1 day	SLT Cost: Low How to Reduce Plastic at the School Kitchen Plastic Free July website



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	Reduce	Reduce waste by banning single use plastic water bottles	Ensure access to fresh drinking water for refills	1 week	SLT Cost: Low
	Reduce	Reduce waste by lowering single use plastic	Review the school's procurement policy and identify any single use plastics that can be eliminated	1 week ongoing	SLT Cost: Low
	Reuse	Encourage reuse and running second-hand uniform event	Run a uniform event at school for second hand uniform	1 week	PTA Cost: Free
		Increase recycling by setting up a recycling hub	Take part in The Green School Project	1 week ongoing	SLT Cost: Low The Green School Project – Terracycle website
	Reduce	Increase recycling by improving recycling facilities in the school	Ensure that all classrooms have a recycling bin and children understand what to recycle Recruit dedicated recycling monitors to support staff and children	1 week	Teaching and SLT staff Cost: Low



Food	Reduce	Reduce food waste by composting food waste at school	Get a compost bin Use the compost for school grounds Food waste bins in staff room and playgrounds	1 week ongoing	Teaching staff and penguin staff Cost: Free Get your school composting for free website
	Promote	Promote plants and reduce meat consumption by having a no meat day each week	Have a no meat day at lunch Teach about the benefits of reduced meat and more plants in their diet	1 week ongoing	Teaching staff, catering staff and Penguin staff Cost: Free <i>(links to Climate Education and Green Careers)</i> Meat Free Mondays guide for Educator's website