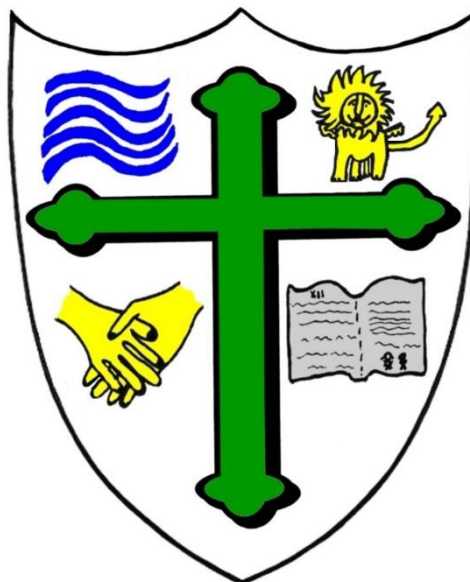


Highcliffe St Mark Primary School and Fledglings Pre-School



Climate Change Action Plan

Reviewed (date)	September 2025
Reviewed by (name)	Claire Barker
Approved by Governors (if applicable)	
Review due (date)	September 2026

1. Our Vision

At Highcliffe St Mark Primary School, we believe caring for God's planet is not just a project – it is part of who we are. Guided by our **Core Christian Values** of **Respect, Courage, and Compassion**, we aim to be shining examples of sustainable living. We have been awarded the **Green Flag with Distinction** for three consecutive years, and our commitment to environmental stewardship continues to grow like a golden thread through every aspect of school life.

2. Leadership

Our commitment to climate action is supported and guided by strong leadership:

- **Claire Barker – Headteacher:** Holds overall responsibility for environmental stewardship across the school.
- **Emma Stansbie – Eco/Sustainability Leader:** Coordinates eco initiatives, supports Eco Reps and Captains, and ensures sustainability is embedded in daily school life and the curriculum.
- Staff, governors, and the whole school community work together to bring our vision to life.

3. Student Leadership – Our Eco Reps & Captains

Our **Eco Reps** (from every class) and **Eco Captains** (from our Year 6 leaders) are at the heart of our climate action. They:

- Monitor and promote sustainable practices in classrooms and playgrounds.
- Lead whole-school Eco assemblies.
- Run campaigns to reduce waste and encourage recycling.
- Work with staff, governors, and parents to improve our environmental impact.
- Celebrate successes and set new goals each term.

4. Our Key Goals

A. Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

- **Energy Monitoring:** Eco Reps check lights, projectors, and devices are switched off when not in use.
- **Renewable Energy Awareness:** Explore and promote low-carbon energy solutions for the school.
- **Sustainable Travel:** Promote walking, cycling, and 'park and stride' schemes for pupils and staff.
- **School Grounds Biodiversity:** Plant trees, wildflowers, and hedgerows to capture carbon and improve habitats.

B. Cutting Down Single-Use Plastics

- Replace single-use plastic cups, straws, and cutlery with reusable alternatives.
- Encourage reusable lunch containers and water bottles.
- Partner with suppliers to reduce packaging waste.
- Continue the "Plastic-Free Friday" challenge across the school.

C. Sustainable Partnerships

- Our contracted cleaning company uses eco-friendly products, reduces chemical waste, and focuses on sustainable cleaning practices that protect both people and the planet.
- Work closely with suppliers and service providers to choose the most environmentally responsible options.

D. Educating for a Greener Future

- Embed climate and sustainability learning across the curriculum, linked to Christian stewardship.
- Organise Eco Week each year with themed workshops, speakers, and community projects.
- Link with local environmental groups and charities to share resources and expertise.

5. Our Faith in Action

Our Christian ethos reminds us that “**The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it**” (Psalm 24:1).

- **Respect** – We show reverence for all of God’s creation, from the tiniest insect to the tallest tree.
- **Courage** – We take bold steps to challenge waste and make positive changes, even when it is difficult.
- **Compassion** – We consider the needs of people and wildlife across the globe affected by climate change.

6. Measuring Our Progress

We will:

- Review our Eco Action Plan termly with Eco Reps and Captains.
- Conduct an annual carbon footprint check for the school.
- Share progress with parents and the community in newsletters and on the school website.
- Celebrate achievements with the whole school – aiming for our **fourth Green Flag with Distinction** and beyond!

Together, with God’s help, we will protect and nurture His world – today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.