Climate Action Plan

School Name – St George and St Teresa Primary School

One year plan : Autumn 26- Summer 27

Your Carbon baseline: _____ Date: October 2026

Head: **Louise Flanagan**	**Sustainability Lead:** **Fiona Rider-Foreman**	**School Business**	**Site Manager:** **Tim Westley**	**Catering Lead:**

Decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency: Calculating and taking actions to reduce carbon emissions and becoming more energy efficient						
Action	**Cost benefit**	**Ease of implementation/ Non Negotiable/Optional**	**Timeframe**	**Key stakeholders**	**Link to School Improvement Plan**	**Progress Track**
Sign up to Let's Go Zero. By joining this campaign, your school confirms that it is taking action now to reduce its own carbon impact, and that it demands the UK Government help all schools reach this goal by the end of the decade. **Useful links** Let's Go Zero	**Input:** No cost **Output:** No savings	**Easy** **Optional**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	Sustainability Lead	Priority 4- Personal development.	
Count Your Carbon: This free digital tool from Eco Schools allows you to calculate the carbon footprint for your	**Input:** No cost **Output:**	**Moderate** **Optional**	**Start date: September 2026**	Sustainability Lead	Priority 4- Personal development.	

educational setting. **Useful links** Count Your carbon	High savings		**Review date: Summer 2027**			
Action 1: Energy- Consumption To reduce the consumption of energy, water and physical products, by changing users behavior towards sustainability. Undertake a water efficiency audit Water efficiency	**Input:** No cost **Output:** High savings	**Moderate** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	Sustainability Lead, whole school including catering, cleaning and SSO.	Priority 4- Personal development.	
Action 2:Energy Campaigns Take part in the (free) national Switch Off Fortnight campaign with the aim of creating year-round habits resulting in a 10% energy saving. Please see attached Let's Go Guide The Pod | Campaigns	**Input:** No cost **Output:** High savings	**Moderate** **Optional**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	Sustainability Lead, whole school including catering, cleaning and SSO	Priority 4- Personal development.	
Action 3: Transport Participate in Living Streets Campaign, with badges and incentives for walking to school two or more times per week. WOW - the walk to school challenge	**Input:** No cost **Output:** High savings	**Easy** **Optional**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	Sustainability Lead and whole of KS2 to begin with.	Priority 4- Personal development.	

Action 4: Business Travel Ensure there is a hybrid model of meetings, only having face to face offsite where necessary	**Input:** No cost **Output:** High savings	**Easy** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	SBM/HT	Priority 4- Personal development. Priority 5- Leadership and management.	
Action 5: Baseline Data Gathering Engage in MAC wide data gathering of baseline data on site make up and energy usage	**Input:** No cost **Output:** No savings	**Moderate** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	Site Manager	Priority 5- Leadership and management.	
Action 6: Reduce, recycle and reuse Discourage the use of single use plastics and have facilities available to encourage reuse for example access to potable water. Community swap events for uniform and books. Recycling of IT equipment. Reduction in hard copy print.	**Input:** No cost **Output:** Saving on waste collection. Savings on print costs	**Moderate** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	Head Teacher SBM IT Lead SBM	Priority 4- Personal development. Priority 5- Leadership and management.	
Action 7- Reduce Number of Deliveries Reduce the number of deliveries by preplanning resource need and buy in larger quantities.	**Input:** No cost **Output:** Saving on bulk buying	**Moderate** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date:**	SBM Site Manager	Priority 5- Leadership and management.	

	discounts, reduction in emissions		**Summer 2027**			
Action 8: Quick Wins Turning off lights in rooms when not in use, turning down the thermostat, ensure corridor heating is set much lower than classrooms, ensure holiday periods are taken into consideration for heating.	**Input:** No cost **Output:** Savings on energy usage	**Easy** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	All pupils and staff	Priority 4- Personal development. Priority 5- Leadership and management.	

Climate Adaptation and Resilience:

Taking actions to reduce the risk of flooding and overheating and to future-proof scarce resources for potential shortages

Action	Cost	Ease of implementation/ Non Negotiable/Optional	Timeframe	Key stakeholders	Link to School improvement plan	Progress Track
Action 1: Adaptation The school to consider adopting the joint union heatwave protocol including short term, medium term and long-term measures. School to familiarise staff with updated DfE guidance on hot weather. Joint union heatwave protocol | National Education Union (neu.org.uk)	**Input:** No cost **Output:** No savings	**Easy** **Optional**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date: Summer 2027**	Sustainability Lead	Priority 5: Leadership and management.	

DfE Hot Weather Guidance						

Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure:

Creating habitats and adopting practices that will enhance species diversity on the school estate and beyond

Action	Cost	Ease of implementation/ Non Negotiable/ Optional	Timeframe	Key stakeholders	Link to School improvement plan	Progress Track
Action 1: Education on Biodiversity Sign up for the National Education Nature Park and engage with resources throughout the year. Home | Education Nature Park	Input : Small cost Output : more biodiversity, improved school grounds.	Moderate Optional	**Autumn 2026- Summer 202**	Forest School Lead, Sustainability Lead, Eco Heroes. PP children.	Priority 3: Behaviour and attitudes.	
Action 2- Increasing Biodiversity In line with Diocesan guidance access free trees for schools. Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust Encourage greater biodiversity by creating 'wild' areas	Input: No/small cost Output more biodiversity, improved school grounds.	Moderate Non Negotiable	**Autumn 2026- Summer 2027**	Forest School Lead, Sustainability Lead, Eco Heroes. PP children.	Priority 5: Leadership and management.	

Climate Education, Green Skills and Green careers:

Ensuring the education you provide gives knowledge-rich and comprehensive teaching about climate change, and that your teaching staff feel supported to offer this

Action	Cost	Ease of implementation	Timeframe	Key stakeholders	Link to School improvement plan	Progress Track
Action 1: Curriculum Subject Leaders to review their subject against the Teach The Future Curriculum for a changing Climate documents. Map opportunities to teach about climate change, social justice and green economy in each subject. Embed climate, energy, ecology and Catholic stewardship themes through Building the Kingdom across RE, science, geography, computing, and PSHE.Curriculum for a Changing Climate (teachthefuture.uk)	**Input:** No cost **Output:** High savings	**Moderate** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date Summer 2027**	Head Teachers/Subject Leads	Priority 2: Quality of education.	
Action 2: Pupil Sustainability Councils Pupils design and deliver climate projects (energy audits, biodiversity gardens, anti-waste campaigns).	**Input:** No cost **Output:** Pupil Engagement / Stakeholder Buy in	**Moderate** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date Summer 2027**	Head Teachers/Subject Leads	Priority 2: Quality of education. Priority 4: Personal development.	

Action 3: Train Our Staff Training staff in behaviour change, energy management, sustainable procurement basics. *Owner:* MAC Sustainability Leads. Sustainability & Climate Change Training for School Staff	**Input:** No cost **Output:** No savings	**Moderate** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date Summer 2027**	All staff	Priority 5: Leadership and management.	
Action 4 -Educate pupils about green career opportunities This could be via PSHE, careers opportunities, inviting in key speakers, having 'green' careers fairs.	**Input:** No cost **Output:** No savings	**Moderate** **Optional**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date Summer 2027**	Teaching Staff	Priority 2: Quality of education. Priority 4: Personal development.	
Action 5 – Engagement with wider community Share sustainability news via Parish newsletters/school newsletters	**Input:** No cost **Output:** Wider engagement	**Easy** **Non Negotiable**	**Start date: September 2026** **Review date Summer 2027**	Head Teacher	Priority 4: Personal development.	