

Leverstock Green Playgroup

Climate action policy

It is a requirement from The Department for Education that 'all education settings will have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a climate action plan' by 2025 in line with their Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.

We are required to have at least 1 action, what we can do , in the flowing 4 categories

1. Decarbonisation and reducing emissions - Using less energy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels

2. Adaptation and Resilience - Preparing for climate change. Adapting your setting so it stays safe, cool and prepared for extreme weather.

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3. Improving the Environment and Biodiversity- Helping nature thrive . Making your setting more nature-friendly and improving outdoor spaces

4. Climate Education and Green Careers- Helping children and adults understand environmental issues and think about future opportunities.

Below outlines what actions we can take as a setting both as staff and with the children

Category	What we can do (adults)	What we can do (with/teach the children)
1 Decarbonisation and reducing emissions	Discuss energy usage and energy saving ideas with the hall committee Staff to use heating only when necessary - if out door open then to turn radiators off Use of curtains and daft excluders where necessary Discuss with hall ways - solar panels if at all possible	Turn any electrical items when not in use

2 Adaptation and Resilience	Provide a water butt in the garden to collect rainwater for use of watering plants Create shared areas in the garden using sail shades and gazebos to protect staff and children from the sun Liase with hall to ensure maintenance of gutters and drains to reduce the risk of flooding Implement our Sun protection policy in hot weather	Weather related activities - Group time weather board daily Talk to children about why we drink more water in hot weather What they need to keep safe - hat , suncream , clothing Talk to children about clothing in different weathers cold weather
3 Improving the Environment and Biodiversity	Use peat free compost for garden projects Place bird feeders in the garden Audit the garden to allow for movement of hedgehogs	Create a wildflower area with the children Have in place bug hotels and bird boxes and talk with children Use of the green house to grow plants, vegetables and herbs Children to replenish bird feeder and water with staff
4 Climate Education and Green Careers	Placement of recycling bins for adults and children	Activities to help children be aware of environmental issues Teach children what goes into the recycling bins - Use of labels and pictures

	Signage at sinks for use of water and turning off taps	Reading of books and stories reflecting environmental issues (age appropriate)
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