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# Heighington C of E Primary School Climate Action Plan

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## Climate Action Plan:

### Establishing a baseline:

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost / available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
Calculate the school's carbon footprint and identify the main emission sources.	Use a detailed carbon footprint calculator to assess emissions.	31/01/2025	Finance manager, Site team, Sustainability Lead, Miss/Mr..., Students.	Free	<a href="#">Home - Count Your Carbon</a>	Completed on 16/05/2025. Data submitted to Eco-School's database. Review May 2026 to see the school's progress.
Understand your school's energy efficiency by conducting a review of energy use.	Review the Recommendation Report from your Display Energy Certificate (DEC) to understand the school's energy efficiency.	31/03/2025	Finance manager, SLT, Site team	£85	<a href="#">Energy efficiency: guidance for the school and further education college estate - GOV.UK</a>	Eden Associates – annual DEC report

Assess the school's climate and pollution risks.	Review the flood risk map and check the air pollution levels around the school to identify the impact of pollution and adverse weather.	31/08/2026	SLT, Sustainability lead, Site time.	Free	<a href="#">Map: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Level 1</a>  <a href="#">Flood map for planning - GOV.UK</a>  <a href="#">Local Authority Details - Defra, UK</a>  <a href="#">Home - Defra, UK</a>	
Understand the biodiversity on the school's grounds.	Conduct a nature survey of the school's grounds.	31/08/2026	Students, Eco-committee,	Free	<a href="#">Nature Survey   Education Nature Park</a>	
Identify the means of transport used by students to travel to and from school.	Conduct the Active Travel audit to understand the opportunities for sustainable options.	31/08/2026	Class teachers, Students	Free	<a href="#">Active Travel Audit</a>	

Understand your waste.	Conduct a bin audit to identify how much and what type of waste the school produces.	31/08/2026	SLT, Teachers, Site team, Students, Eco-committee	Free	<a href="#">How to do a plastic waste bin audit - Plastic Free July</a>	
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## Decarbonisation

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost / available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
Reduce electricity consumption.	Install energy-efficient alternatives, e.g. LED lightbulbs and energy-efficient printers.	Completed 2022	Business Manager	<a href="#">DFE Energy Efficiency Fund for Schools, Colleges   DFE   Grants</a>  Payment plan: <a href="#">LED Lighting Funding for Academies - UK Energy Lighting MAXXIA Lease</a> £3092 annually		Led lights installed
Reduce heat loss and energy use.	Replace front entrance doors  Fit PVC curtains to external doors	31/08/2026	Business manager, Site team.	£6500 <a href="#">Free Energy Efficiency Programs - Eco Green Grants</a>  <a href="#">Salix Finance - Salixfinance.co.uk</a>		Quotes in progress for new doors

<p>Reduce the energy use.</p>	<p>Schedule the heating to turn off thirty minutes before the school closes.</p> <p>Assign students to be 'Energy Monitors' to track and turn off unused devices and lights.</p>	<p>Ongoing, commencing on 01/01/2026</p>	<p>SLT, Site team, Teachers, Students, Eco-committee</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p><a href="#">Review school heating timings   Energy Sparks</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appoint pupil energy monitors in all classes   Energy Sparks</a></p>	
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## Adaptation and Resilience

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost / available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
<p>Create emergency response plans to build resilience in schools.</p>	<p>Establish protocols for rapid recovery after climate events.</p> <p>Plan to mitigate risks for vulnerable staff and students, including those with preexisting health conditions and social vulnerabilities.</p> <p>Develop Heatwave protocol.</p>	<p>Commenced 15/05/2025</p>	<p>SLT, Governors, Site team, Teachers</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p><a href="#">Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings - GOV.UK</a></p> <p><a href="#">Joint union heatwave protocol   National Education Union</a></p> <p><a href="#">Hot weather and heatwaves: guidance for schools and other education settings – The Education Hub</a></p>	<p>School signed up to WH Alerting system via Met Office</p> <p>Emergency Plan and Business Continuity Plan in place.</p>

Increase shaded areas across the playground and school site.		31/08/2026	Business manager, Students, SLT,	<a href="#">Grant funding to support tree, hedgerow and orchard establishment</a>	<a href="#">providing shade _guidance.pdf</a>	
Prepare students to handle extreme weather events and help them cope with the challenges.	Deliver lessons on how to cope with extreme weather events.	Ongoing, commencing on 14/04/2025	Students, SLT, Teachers, Parents	Free	<a href="#">Weather Together climate change resource   British Red Cross</a>	

## Biodiversity

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost / available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
Invite wildlife to the school grounds.	Establish a dedicated area for wildlife, installing bird feeders and insect hotels.  Building a wildlife pond.	Ongoing.  Commenced	SLT, Business manager, Site team, parents, students	Depends on a project	<a href="#">Encouraging wildlife in your school garden / RHS Campaign for School Gardening</a>  <a href="#">Pond Visualiser App</a>  <a href="#">Wildlife Ponds Safety Guidance for Schools.pdf</a>	<b>Bird watch area in KS1 garden</b>  <b>Wildlife Pond on site</b>
Connect students and staff with nature.	Provide opportunities for outdoor learning and increase the time students spend outside.	Ongoing.  Commenced Daily Mile	SLT, Teachers, Sustainability Lead, Eco-committee	Free	<a href="#">Outdoor Learning Resources For Schools - Woodland Trust</a>	

	Take part in Big Garden Birdwatch – a garden wildlife survey organised by RSPB.	24 – 26 January 2025 Annual event			<a href="#">Woodland Rangers Session   Buy Doncaster</a> <a href="#">Big Garden Birdwatch</a>	
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## Climate education and green skills and careers

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost / available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
Ensure all members of staff have up-to-date knowledge on climate change and sustainability.	Provide professional development on integrating sustainability into the curriculum for department leaders.	31/05/2025	PSHE Lead	Free	<a href="#">Teaching for sustainable futures   IOE - Faculty of Education and Society</a>	
Introduce students to Green Careers opportunities.	<p>Invite speakers from the companies to present opportunities in the environmental sector.</p> <p>Offer mock interviews for your students.</p>	Annual, commencing 1 March 2025	SLT, Teachers, Sustainability Lead	Free / £££	<a href="#">South Yorkshire Careers Hub - City of Doncaster Council</a>  <a href="#">Inspiring Careers   Green Up Your Act Workshops for Schools</a>  <a href="#">Mock Interviews Collective   Go Green</a>	



## Sustainable / Active Travel

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost / available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
Develop infrastructure around the school to encourage students and staff to choose active travel.	Provide/improve lockable, roofed bike sheds for both students and staff.  Designate the path for students using bikes to ensure safety on the school grounds.	31/08/2025	Business manager, Site team		<a href="#">Resources for your active travel school plan - Sustrans.org.uk</a>	Shelter provided
Develop students' confidence on the roads.	Provide cycling and pedestrian training for all students.	Ongoing, commencing 01/03/2025	SLT, Teachers, Sustainability Lead,	Free	<a href="#">Road safety education - City of Doncaster Council</a>  <a href="#">Cycle Training for Everyone - Deliver Safer</a>	Pedestrian Training occurs annually  Wheel Education – bikeability training annually

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## Food

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost/ available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
Encourage plant-based meals to reduce meat consumption.	Introduce a meat-free day, at least once a week.	Ongoing, commenced 01/09/2025	Business manager, Catering team	Free	<a href="#">Educators - Meat Free Monday</a>	Meat Free Monday in place every week
Reduce food waste by composting food scraps at school. Use compost in gardening projects.	Obtain compost bins to store compost outside of the school.  Teach students about composting.	Ongoing, commencing 01/03/2025	Business manager, Catering team, Site team	Free  Food recycling as part of Chartwells contract	<a href="#">Composting - City of Doncaster Council</a>	In place – food recycled (weekly collection)

<p>Lower your carbon footprint by using vegetables grown at your school.</p>	<p>Design a vegetable plot for certain class.  Use the products in preparation of school meals.</p>	<p>Ongoing, commencing 01/03/2026</p>	<p>Business manager, Catering team, Site team, Teachers, Eco-committee, Sustainability Lead</p>	<p>£350  <a href="#">Gardens for Children Grants</a></p>	<p><a href="#">RHS Funding Digital Final.pdf</a>  <a href="#">How to Set up a School Garden</a></p>	
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## Waste and Consumption

Action	Steps	Expected completion date	Who will make it happen?	Cost/ available funding	Tools and resources	Progress review
Empower recycling opportunities in the school.	Take part in The Green School Project to set up a recycling hub at your school, increase recycling in the area and raise funds for your school.	15/05/2025	SLT, Business manager, Site team, Eco-committee, parents, governors	£350 - J&B Recycling fortnightly recycling collections  £250 – Additional Recycling bins for each class	<a href="#">The Green School Project</a> · <a href="#">TerraCycle</a>	
	Ensure that all classrooms have a recycling bin.	01/03/2026				

<p>Increase the school's knowledge of waste, consumption and recycling by running a campaign at school to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- remove single-use plastics</li> <li>- promote recycling, repairing, reusing, and reducing waste</li> </ul>	<p>Replace plastic cutlery with reusable alternatives.</p> <p>Obtain school-branded water bottles and ensure access to fresh drinking water by providing drinking fountains for refills.</p>		<p>SLT, Business manager, Site team, Eco-committee, parents, governors</p>	<p>Free/ paid</p>	<p><a href="#">Plastic Free July – Be Part of the Plastic Pollution Solution</a></p> <p><a href="#">Circular Economy Guide 2025   Waste Managed</a></p>	<p><b>Pupils own water bottles brought from home</b></p>
<p>Promote sustainability by organising an event to exchange second-hand uniforms.</p>	<p>Organise a uniform exchange and sale event at school for second-hand uniforms.</p>	<p>01/09/2025</p>	<p>SLT, Teachers, parents,</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p><a href="#">How To Set Up A School Uniform Swap Shop - Climate Education</a></p>	<p><b>FOHS arrange pre-loved clothes sale</b></p> <p><b>Uniformerly website set up</b></p>

Make sure to minimise the school's contribution to waste production.	Review the school's procurement policy and incorporate sustainability into purchasing processes.	15/03/2025	SLT, Business manager, Site team	Free	<a href="#">Factoring sustainability into procurement processes</a>	<b>DNDLT Procurement Policy</b>  <b>School use DfE approved suppliers/frameworks where possible when procuring goods</b>
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