

School climate action plan

St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

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Climate action plan

As part of the Department for Education's (DfE) requirements, this plan includes one action from these four key areas:

- 1. decarbonisation
- 2. biodiversity
- 3. adaptation and resilience
- 4. climate education and green careers goals

Goal	Action	•	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources
Decarbonisation	set between 2 – 4	Complete the LED lighting project Train staff to turn out lights and whiteboards in rooms that are not in use Review energy report Sept 2025 for any recommendations. Remind staff to keep external doors closed (also requirement for f	October 2025 ongoing	SLT / VASCA 10% Green Team – Energy Team Green Team – Energy Team/SBM/All Staff

	boiler part not available for one of 2 boilers	Contact LBI Energy Team for quotation and advice on energy efficient replacement Update condition report to include boiler replacement	October 2025	Meeting time with LBI Asset Mgt & Diocese school surveyor/SBM/ research grants Capital circa 40K
		Join Zero Carbon School Programme and complete the carbon survey	October 2025	SBM/Green Team time
Biodiversity	small trees/hedges and green areas in the playgrounds	and get volunteer group to plant - complete Apply for Park Grant to plant more fruit trees and update the wildlife pond to increase biodiversity. Planting	August 2025/Nov 2025 November 2025	SBM time LBI Tree dept SBM time/Green Team Year 6 apprenticeship project Project person/volunteers Volunteers

Resilience and adaptation	External areas <mark>review</mark> of planting for dryer	plan and budget – contact LBI Create a wildlife corridor between Compton Park across the road from the Junior Playground - Contact LBI Parks Manager Andrew for visit Planting RHS Grant and plan as	2026 Spring 2026 Spring 2026	SBM time/LBI Tree advisory Meeting & visit SBM/Park Manager Volunteer time/project person SBM, meeting LBI, plan & drawing, Green Team workshop time LBI Tree dept, Mick Johnson
Climate education and green careers	Green Team development	Termly GT committee meetings	Autumn, Spring, Summer 2025/26	SBM/Green Team days Tue/Thursday lunch – to check with SLT if class

	Zero Carbon School Programme	Carbon survey with GT	Autumn 2025	time needed for sustainability/link with curriculum areas
Active and sustainable Travel	Transport for London TfL Travel for Life programme Increase number of children and parents cycling	application for Award Raise level of award to Gold in 2025/26 Book Bikeability courses for students Organise a Dr Bike event to repair parent/children	July 2025 - complete July 2026 September 2025 TBA	SBM / TFL advisor meetings SBM time Office
		Take part in Cycle to School & Walk to School Weeks – send out promotion literature/do surveys Continue to use public transport for school trips	Week 13 Oct 2025 & 19 May 2026 Ongoing	Office/Green Team Teachers

Air quality	Increase cycle & walk to school Plant hedges/trees that shield playgrounds from pollution	As part of TFL Plan apply gold level <mark>As part of RHS Parks</mark> Grant plan	November 2025 October 2025	SBM/Volunteers
Waste, consumption and recycling	Reduce land fill waste and increase recycling Review of waste contract to reduce bins if possible	Greenteam waste survey Current 1 Waste and 2 recycle Check cleaners and kitchen	October 2025 - half termly	Green Team - Waste Team
Food	Reduce food waste and recycle Use compost bins Grow vegetables from school garden	Liaise with Caterlink contractor to put waste food in containers for staff		Green Team – Waste Team Green Team – Garden Team

Climate action plan goals

The following table shows goals and actions.

1. Action plan goal: establishing school's baseline

The following actions highlight areas that are being worked on.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Understand the school's carbon footprint by identifying where emissions come from.	Use an online tool such as Keep Britain Tidy's or Zero Carbon School Guide to get a breakdown of carbon emissions.	registered	operational staff	Facilities Budget Curriculum Budget	Count Your Carbon - Eco Schools (eco- schools.org.uk) Energy-walkabout- guide Guide.pdf (islingtonclimatecoll ective.co.uk)	

Understand our school's waste by conducting a waste audit.	Conduct bin audit. Review findings and propose recommendations to reduce or recycle waste. Check food waste with Caterlink – system to give to staff	Green Team – completed 06 Oct 2025	0 1 11 10 11	Green Team – Waste Team Action Plan		Reduce bins from 3 to 2
Understand our school's energy efficiency by conducting a review of energy use.	Display Energy Certificate [DEC] LBI Energy Report	Autumn 2025	LBI Energy Advisor, SBM, senior leadership team	Green Team – Energy Team		Solar panel or other funding
Understand our pollution risk by	Review pollution levels of school	Spring Term 2025	Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership	Air quality	London Air Quality Network.	

identifying sources of air pollution and locations in the school that are impacted. using the GLA toolkit.	Conduct air quality survey			workshop part of science curriculum	Mayor's school air quality audit programme Breathe London	
Understand the curriculum by reviewing for climate change content.	Review curriculum to understand where climate change/ careers features/ could feature.	Autumn Term 2025	Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team		Our City, our world Conceptual milestones And key vocabulary (ourcityourworld.co. uk) Tracked changes project	

2. Action plan goal: decarbonisation

The following actions reduce carbon emissions that are caused by our school.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Create a decarbonisat ion plan that includes heating systems.	Plan to remove gas boilers and improve energy efficiency in buildings. Speak to experts who support schools. Carry out actions set out within the plan.	2 – 3 Years	Cost: TBA	Building Condition Survey Diocese Building Development Plan	Climate Action Decarbonisation Plan Guide.	Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Planning: assess buildings for draughts and leaks to reduce heating demand.	Assess building for areas of heat loss. Review insulation on extension block and roof LBI Energy Report Actions		All staff, caretaker, senior leadership team Green Team – Energy Team monitors		Energy Saving Trust LBI Energy Report	Check for insulation grants
Planning: assess existing heat system. Check location temperature sensors (not near external doors)	Check heating systems are running efficiently and automatic timer adjust times Training for caretaker		Site caretaker /SBM, LBI Energy advisor	LBI Energy Report	Zero Carbon Action Builder — Retrofit Action for Tomorrow	
Reduce carbon	Locate external wall radiators.	November 2025	Faciliites		A guide to energy efficiency in the	

emissions in our buildings by installing reflector panels behind radiators.	Install reflector panels.				workplace - Energy Saving Trust	
Reduce carbon emissions in our buildings by installing motion sensors so lights switch off automatically when not in use.	Research motion sensors for areas Hire contractors to install the motion sensors. Set lag times for sensors – 15 minutes for classrooms, 5 minutes or less for corridors or toilets.	2 months	LBI Energy Advisor/SBM	TBA		

Changing the light bulbs to LED	Replace with LED lights	Completed Aug 2025	Cost: 10% VASCA 5.5K	Diocese VASCA Capital Project/School Condition Report		
Reduce carbon emissions in our buildings by teaching lessons outside.	Plan a lesson outdoors. Make the most of our outdoor environments and bring students outside for lessons.	One day per month	Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free	Climate Education and Green Careers	Teach Outdoors, Education through outdoor learning A Teachers Guide to Adapting Lesson Plans for Outdoor Learning (dbdplay.com) Institute for Outdoor Learning – Home (outdoor- learning.org)	
Change behaviours in our communities by running a	Encourage students and staff to turn off	October 2025	Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team	School Budget	Switch Off Fortnight 2024 - Teacher Guidance - Twinkl	

' <mark>Switch-off'</mark> campaign.	lights and monitors. Provide information to parents/carers in newsletter or assembly		Green Team – Energy Team			
Reduce energy consumption by installing solar panels on the roof	Use solar panel calculator to assess need. Undertake feasibility assessment Contact a local energy group for advice.	Over 1 year	SBM/LBI Asset Management/Dioc ese Surveyor Cost: High- although several projects offer opportunities	None	Solar panel calculator - Energy Saving TrustSolar panel calculator - Energy Saving Trust Community Energy London Solar Potential Map	Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Installing air source heat pump.	Remove gas boilers and replace with heat pumps.	Over 1 year	LBI, Cost: High- although several projects offer opportunities	ТВА		Phase 4 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Salix Finance

3. Action plan goal: biodiversity

These actions will help improve habitat and biodiversity around the school.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity by joining an online biodiversity network.	Sign up to Education Nature Park for more resources. Sustainability/B iodiversity in Curriculum Plans	1 day	Education staff/ senior leadership team	None	Education Nature Park.	Free

Increase our school's knowledge of biodiversity through school garden classes for each year group	Grow plants and get students involved in maintenance/ harvest.	Ongoing		Climate Education and Green Career	club ideas / RHS Campaign for School Gardening	St John Ambulance Museum Garden Tutor (Year 5) RHS Garden Fund (Identify another Year group)
Increase biodiversity on school property by tree planting.	Select an area of school ground suitable for tree planting. Research and select suitable trees for the area. Plant more hedges on	November 2025	SBM/ LBI Tree Advisor Cost Low	Trees arriving in November to be planted by volunteer group	Trees for Schools Trees for Cities	Mayor Tree Fund

	school grounds.				
Increase biodiversity on school property by rewilding areas of school's grounds.	Pond Area, rewild and create a platform for pond dipping Junior Playground, create more green areas to link to Compton Park	Education staff, Green Team – Garden Team Cost: RHS Grant 5K	None	-	Check other biodiversity funds
Increase biodiversity on school property by growing food at your school.	Increase raised beds for growing food Distribute food or cooking lessons.		Climate Education and Green Careers	Food Growing and Gardening edible rotherhithe Who we are Food Growing Schools London	

4. Action plan goal: climate education and green careers

The following actions help build capability on climate change and its impacts within the school.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Share with staff and pupils what climate change action we are taking by promoting successes and achievements .	Assemblies, newsletters. Students involved with planting or maintaining.	•	Cost: £50 per term for planting	Relevant to all action plan goals		Free

Increase school's knowledge of climate change by joining Zero Carbon School Programme		October 2025 - done	SBM Education Staff/Science Lead	None	Home - Eco Schools (eco- schools.org.uk)	Free
Increase schools' knowledge of climate change by running a student led climate project.	Empower students to come up with their own climate change initiative STEM project. Work with students to develop project proposals and plans using available resources. Conduct		Education Staff – Science Lead? STEM volunteer?		-	Partnership Grants Royal Society

	project.					
Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by incorporating it in more lessons.	Get lead staff on board early. Use resources to embed. Embed climate change in other lessons. Review impact.	1 month	Educational staff/ senior leadership team	None	Teaching for Sustainable Futures Teach the Future website	
Embed sustainability and climate education in the wider curriculum by inviting external speakers to come into school.	Arrange for external speakers to come into school to run workshops/talks.	Climate Change week	Education staff, senior leadership team		Eco Active's Green Influencers Scheme Energy Garden Climate Ed	
Embed sustainability	Learn outside the class day.	1 day per month	Educational staff/ leadership			

5. Action plan goal: resilience and adaptation

To improve the school's resilience to weather impacts like flooding and overheating through adaptation measures.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date		Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Planning: Assess school's risk vulnerability to climate change.	Use tools to assess your climate risk.		Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team	PHSE		
Planning: create a climate	Engage stakeholders to tailor CAPs	6 months- 1 year	Staff: Education staff, operational	None		

adaptation plan.	based on specific school needs and local climate risks. Assess measures Begin with 'quick win' minimal investment		staff, senior leadership team			
Planning: Develop emergency response plans to build resilience in the school.	Ensure you are proactively planning to mitigate risk for vulnerable staff and students, including those with preexisting health vulnerabilities and social vulnerabilities.	1 – 3 months	Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team	Emergency Plan		
Planning: adjust school	Have a policy in place for	As needed	Headteacher/SLT		Hot weather and heatwaves:	

hours for periods of extreme weather.	adjusting hours during periods of extreme weather.			guidance for schools and other education settings – The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)	
Planning: monitor heat in classrooms.	Install classroom heat sensors. React to levels with appropriate policy and procedure.	1 week	Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team	Appoint pupil energy monitors in all classes Energy Sparks	
Planning: Create policy to relax dress code in periods of hot weather.	Encourage pupils to wear loose, light- colored clothing, Sunhats.Water bottles with timed reminders for infants	1 day	Education staff, senior leadership team	Hot weather and heatwaves: guidance for schools and other education settings – The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)	

Resilence and adaptation by raising awareness and educating.	Involve students and staff in resilience- building activities.	1 month	Education staff, senior leadership t		Climate Ready Places: Lesson Plans - Adaptation Scotland These resources allow students to think about their place and different environments and how a changing climate might impact this.	
Increase our 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.		Education staff, SLT Green Team	Biodiversity	The Pod Water Week (jointhepod.org) Conserving water / RHS Campaign for School Gardening	
Physical impacts to	water collection resulting flooding on	1 month (depending on chosen option)				

reduce flood risk.	ground floor lift area by re- route down pipes					
Prepare our schools for the physical impacts of overheating from climate change by installing ventilation and cooling.	Choose an option for type of ventilation and cooling Options: Natural ventilation Cool roofs shading through tree planting	2025/26		Air quality	Ventilation-in- Schools-Interactive- Guide-Jaga.pdf	
Prepare our schools for the physical impacts of overheating from climate	Locate suitable positioning for solar shading. Purchase sail shading.	June 2026	Operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: TBA			https://www.ablecan opies.co.uk/funding -for-schools/

change by installing sail-shading.	Install grounds shade: sail Encourage pupils to use during periods of hot weather.					
Prepare by installing water efficient fixtures.	Conduct a review/ audit of water fixtures efficiency • dual flush toilets • rainwater harvesting	6 months	Caretaker/SBM / Kitchen Green Team	Non	School-Water- Audit-Water-Night- UK.pdf (waterwise.org.uk) Water Efficiency For Schools And Unis Castle Water	
Prepare by installing rainwater harvesting systems.	Conduct a review/ audit of potential rainwater harvesting locations.	1 month		Waste consumption and recycling	Rainwater Harvesting regulations in the UK - What you need to know before installation - Rainwater Harvesting	

6. Action plan goal: active and sustainable travel

Impacts of climate change on our school and improvements to the school's resilience to weather impacts like flooding and overheating through adaptation measures.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Increase our school's knowledge of active and sustainable travel by signing up to TfL's travel for life.	Choose travel	Complete – ongoing throughout year		Air quality Climate Education and Green Careers	Travel for life	Free

	award.				
Reduce car trips by using public transport.	Use public transport for school trips instead of hiring coaches/buses.	ongoing throughout the year	Education staff, senior leadership team	Travel for schools - Transport for London (tfl.gov.uk)	
Encourage active travel by providing cycle skills for students.	Organise external cycle skills lessons for students to improve their skills and safety on their bikes Extend to parents and carers. Extend to teaching staff.	Ongoing	Education staff, senior leadership team		Funding and Delivery - About Us Bikeability
Encourage active travel by providing	Locate suitable and secure space within	2 months	SBM / TFL and LBI	TBA	Walking and Cycling Grants

bike/ scooter storage.	school grounds. Install cycle storage/ scooter storage for pupils to use to lock their bikes.					London – Groundwork Funding for Cycle Shelters Canopies UK Canopy Experts (ablecanopies.co.uk
Encourage active travel by providing cycle to work scheme for school staff.	Enrol your school in the cycle to work scheme. Promote amongst staff.	1 day	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Free to sign up	Air quality	<u>Cycle2Work</u>	
Encourage active travel by providing walking buses.	Create a walking bus to school.	1 month	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership	Air quality	walking bus to school	Walking and Cycling Grants London - Groundwork
School Street	In Place	In Place		Air quality		

7. Action plan goal: air quality

These actions relate to directly improving air quality in and around the school for the benefit of pupils, staff, and parents and carers.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Planning: Create Clean Air Action Plan.	Create clean air action plan.	2 months	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership t	None	The Clean Air for Schools Framework	Free
Planning: Create an asthma friendly school plan.	Collect a register of all pupils with asthma.	1 week, ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership	Resilience and Adaptation	Asthma friendly schools - Transformation Partners in Health and Care	Free

	school wide emergency asthma plan . Choose an asthma lead. Adopt a policy for inhaler techniques and emergency treatment. Create a system for identifying children who are missing school because of asthma.				
Planning: get understandin g of your school's air quality by	Speak to Islington staff about getting involved. Distribute	1 month ongoing	and Green Careers	Contact: environmental.prote ction@islington.gov .uk	Free

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conducting Asthma Air Quality Monitoring & Engagement	monitors. Collect air quality data					
Improve the air quality at your school by installing an air quality filter.	Research best filter for your school environment Set up filers in classrooms Train staff to maintain and manage the filters	1 month ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team Cost: Low	None	Health effects of air pollution - Programmes - Impact on Urban Health Cleaner air for London's children as air filters to be rolled out to first 200 schools in the capital in ground-breaking initiative London City Hall	

8. Action plan goal: waste, consumption and recycling

These actions seek to reduce waste and consumption and improve recycling within the school.

Action	Steps	Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Co-benefits (any cross over benefits with other goals or plans) (optional)	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Reduce waste by banning single-use plastics in staff room	Make poster showing recycling	1 day, ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team	None	How To Reduce Plastic at the School Canteen - Plastic Free July	
Reduce waste by lowering single use plastic.	Review the school's procurement policy and identify any single use	1 week, ongoing	Staff: School management team, senior leadership team	None		

	plastics that can be eliminated.		Cost: Low			
Encourage reuse by running second-hand uniform event.	Run a uniform event at school for second hand uniform exchange and purchase.	1 week	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership t	None	<u>Uniformd</u>	Free
Encourage reuse by hosting swap events.	Host a swap event where students can swap clothes, books, and games. Host an unwanted holidays present swap. Donate surplus to charities e.g. Traid.	1 week		Climate Education and Green Careers	How To Organise A Clothes Swap 9 Easy Steps - Cariki	Free

Encourage reuse by hosting repair workshops.	Run a repair shop at your school Bike repair workshops at school.	1 month	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team Cost: Varying depending on action	None	The Restart Project - The Right to Repair and Reuse Your Electronics Dr Bike -	
Increase recycling by setting up a recycling hub.	Take part in The Green School Project	1 week- ongoing	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team	None	The Green School Project · TerraCycle	
Increase recycling by using recycled paper.	Review the school's procurement policy and ensure paper purchased is recycled.	1 week- ongoing	Staff: Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership team	None		

Increase recycling by improving recycling facilities in the school.	Ensure that all classrooms have a recycling bin.	1 week – ongoing	Green Team – Waste Team	None		
Visiting reuse and recycling centre	Take pupils on a trip.	1 day	Staff: Education staff, senior leadership team	Climate Education and Green Careers	South East London Combined Heat and Power (selchp.com)	
Increase our school's knowledge of waste, consumption and recycling by running a campaign at school to: • remove single use plastics	Advertise in newsletters. Hold assemblies and lessons. Run poster competition for students. Advertise on social media. Join a competitive challenge.	1 month	Green Team	Climate Education and Green Careers	Home Race against waste Educator Hub - Junk Kouture	

 promote recycling, repairing, reusing, and reducing waste.
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9. Action plan goal: food

Action		Timeline for the action or expected completion date	Resources	Tools, resources and information (optional)	Funding opportunities (optional)
Planning: include sustainability standards in school food contract	Talk with your kitchen staff or catering team. Contact School Food Team at Islington for support:		Operational staff, senior leadership team Caterlink	Complete the SBM School Food Management Training to get support for school food procurement Work with ProVeg UK to provide menus and advice.	
Reduce food waste by composting food waste at school.	Compost Bins School gardens.	3 3	Education staff, operational staff, Volunteer garden group	Get your school composting for free	

Promote plants and reduce meat consumption by having a plant-power day.	Have a plant- power or meat free days in the lunch hall.	Ongoing	Education staff, operational staff, senior leadership Caterlink	<mark>Healthy Schools</mark> <mark>Mark</mark>	Meat free Mondays guide for educators	
Improve energy efficiency of school by assessing kitchen energy use.	Talk with your kitchen staff/catering team.	Autumn term - ongoing	Operational staff, senior leadership team, Caterlink staff		Work with external caterers/kitchen team to achieve a green kitchen standard	
Increase our school's knowledge of food by running a sustainable food event	Work with <u>Food</u> for <u>Life</u> at Islington Council.	2 months - ongoing	Staff: All school staff Caterlink	<mark>Healthy Schools</mark> <mark>Mark</mark>	Use resources from national campaigns such as <u>WRAP's</u> <u>Love Food Hate</u> <u>Waste campaign</u>	