



Thornhill Lees CE (VC) I & N School

Climate Action Plan 2025 - 2026

Decarbonisation

Our Vision *(how can you reduce emissions and support students to be part of the transition to net zero?):*

Action	Responsibility and Key Stakeholders	Timescale	Information and/or resources required	Target/ Measure	Progress (Update at regular review points)
Run a switch off campaign for all light switches when everyone leaves the room and also one afternoon a month to have an electric free session.	Eco group	Start date: Dec 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Learning walks shows that lights are regularly being turned off when the rooms are empty. Eco crew to check their own classrooms and report back in the next meeting.	
To install LED lighting throughout school (rolling programme)	SBM	Start date: Sept 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	For 2 classrooms to have switched to LED lighting by end of July 2026	
To replace the boilers in school for greater efficiency	Asset management & HT	Start date: May 2024 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Replaced in 2025 but issues continuing with them needing repairs	
To turn down the heating by two degrees and keep the thermostats around school on 3/3.5	Asset management & SBM	Start date: Dec 2025 Review Date: Jul 2026	Useful links:	Caretaker/ SBM to walk round and check the radiators once per week.	





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				SBM to contact Kirklees re reducing the thermostats	
To keep the heating turned off during holiday times and also during warmer weather.	Caretakers/ SBM	Start date: Dec 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Caretaker and SBM to ensure that the boilers are turned onto holiday mode during the holidays and heating is turned off when the temperatures rise.	
To look into a walking bus/ encouraging families to walk to school rather than using their own transport.	School Council	Start date: Jan 2025 Review date: July 2026		ECO lead to organise for one day per week school walking bus.	
To share information with staff about the cycle to work scheme to encourage staff to take up cycling	SLT	Start date: Jan 2026 Review date: July 2026		Staff cycling more to increase their well being.	

Adaptation and Resilience

Our Vision (how can you adapt your buildings and systems to prepare for the effects of climate change?):

Action	Responsibility and Key Stakeholders	Timescale	Information and/or resources required	Target/ Measure	Progress (Update at regular review points)
To encourage children / families to walk to school	Eco group/ parents	Start date: Jan 2026 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	School walking bus in place once per week.	





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To reduced the amount of photocopying taking place	All staff	Start date: Dec 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	SBM to check that numbers of copies and paper being purchased to measure the reduction. SLT to monitor through book scrutiny.	
To look at consumables and reduce wastage. Ensure purchases are robust.	All staff	Start date: Dec 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Check orders to ensure that the same equipment is not being constantly ordered.	
To use water butts to water the gardening area.	All staff	Start date: March 2026 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Children using the water butts to water the gardening area rather than the school taps	
		Start date: Review Date:	Useful links:		

Biodiversity

Our Vision *(how can you enhance biodiversity, improve air quality and increase access to, and connection with, nature?):*

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To plant new trees in the Reception grassed play area	Grounds maintenance	Start date: Nov 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	New trees plants and those in wild area moved to new zone.	
Develop areas where minibeast can thrive	Staff	Start date: Jan 2026 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Minibeast hotel/ new plants in the area encouraging wildlife. Children naming some of the minibeast they see and becoming aware of where they can be found.	
Develop the wild area to encourage more wildlife to thrive	All staff	Start date: Jan 2026 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	More wildlife sighted .	
To utilise the garden area to grow fruit and vegetable that the children can plant and look after.		Start date: Jan 2026 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Fruit and veg growing	
To use a compost bin outside for all the fruit.	All staff	Start date: Jan 2026 Review Date:	Useful links:	Fruit disposed of	





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		July 2026			
Climate Education and Green Skills					
Our Vision <i>(how can you prepare students for a world impacted by climate change through education & practice?):</i>					
Action	Responsibility and Key Stakeholders	Timescale	Information and/or resources required	Target/ Measure	Progress (Update at regular review points)
To set up an Eco group who meet every half term and lead on whole school initiatives	SLT	Start date: Nov 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Minutes of the meetings	
For each class to have a plant to look after.	Science lead	Start date: Jan 2026 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Plants in each classroom. Eco leads reporting back to the group about the plant.	
Children to lead on the litter picking around the school grounds and brushing up the leaves. Leaves then put in a compost bin to be used in the garden area.		Start date: Nov 2025 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Less litter spotted around school. Leaves not so much of a slip hazard. Leaves to be put in a compost bin.	





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Bird watching activities to take place with resources available for outdoor learning times		Start date:Feb 2026 Review Date: July 2026	Useful links:	Children using the equipment outside and beginning to name some of the birds they see.	
		Start date: Review Date:	Useful links:		

