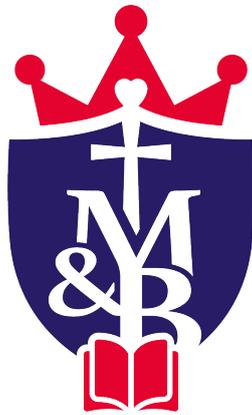


SUSTAINABILITY CLIMATE Action Plan



**St Mary's &
St Benedict's**
RC Primary School

**Together in God's family, we grow in faith,
knowledge & love to reach our full
potential, and to become the people that
we are created to be.**

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As a Catholic school, we encourage our children to be

- Be responsible for themselves and others.
- Respect life in all its forms.
- Look for hope in difficult times or situations.
- Be courageous to stand up for what we believe in.
- Love one another and the world in which we live.

Therefore our Sustainability Climate Action Plan for 2025/2026 is bound by these core values as well as our common purpose to ensure all those within our school community live life in all its fullness through the promotion and protection of God's World.

Laudato Si'



What is Climate Change?

The definition is "A change in global or regional acclimate patterns, in particular a change apparent from mid to late 20th century onwards and attributed largely to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produce they the use of fossil fuels. There are many factors that can make the earth warmer and colder including:

- Greenhouse gases caused by human activity
- Deforestation, where more than half of the world's surface has been ploughed and paved,
- Ozone layer trapping heat closer to the earth's surface
- Different types of air pollution which have different effects on the atmosphere.

Our Aim

To reduce our school's impact on the environment and help students learn how to care for the planet through everyday activities.

1. Energy saving

What we already do:

Turn off lights, fans and projectors when not in use.
Use natural light whenever possible.
Encourage walking, cycling or car-pooling to school.

What we will try and do:

Assign Energy monitors in each class

Why we will do this:

Using less energy reduces greenhouse gases that cause climate change.

2. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

What we already do:

Recycling bins around the school
Reuse paper for drawing and crafts

What we will try and do

Encourage reusable lunch boxes and water bottles instead of foil and cling film.

Why we will do this:

Less waste means less pollution and fewer resources used.

3. Plant and protect nature

What we already do:

Plant trees and flowers in the school grounds (science garden)
Protect birds and insects (bug hotels in Science garden)

What we will try and do

Maintain our small vegetable garden

Why we will do this:

Plants absorb carbon dioxide and keep the air clean.

4. Learning and awareness

What we already do:

Celebrate World Environment day.
Run poster competitions
Started an Eco Club

What we will try and do:

Run climate themed assemblies

Take the children to a recycling centre to learn why it is important to correctly recycle our rubbish and where it goes.

Why we will do this:

Learning helps students to become responsible future citizens.

5. Community involvement

What we already do:

Participate in local clean-ups round the school

What we will try and do:

Encourage families to recycle at home

Share climate newsletters or tips with parents

Speak to the council and see if they have a group that litter picks that we can join up with.

Why we will do this:

Climate action works best when everyone helps.

Impact

When everyone works together, we can have impact. The Eco Club from St Mary's & St Benedict's in 2025/26 aims to be the best club that we can possibly be. We have listened to Pope Francis' call to action – as set out in the Laudato Si' Encyclical. We will try to do all the actions within this plan to serve the common good and deliver on our duty to care for our common home.