# Schools Climate Overview May 2023



### **Overview**

- Climate Action Plan
  - Strategic Objectives
  - Individual School Climate Action Plans
  - Update on each Strategic Objective
  - Scope of 23/24 Priorities
    - School Screening Programme 39 schools have had screens installed, with 12 schools currently in the validation phase.
    - Updated online resource that is aimed specifically at children. To complement this with an annual schools climate action competition, to support learning and development in schools.
- Resources
  - Climate Action for Schools Leap (hillingdon.gov.uk)

#### **Climate Update**

The Council declared a climate emergency in 2020 and set upon a path to achieve carbon neutrality from its own operations by 2030, whilst influencing a wider borough reduction in carbon emissions.

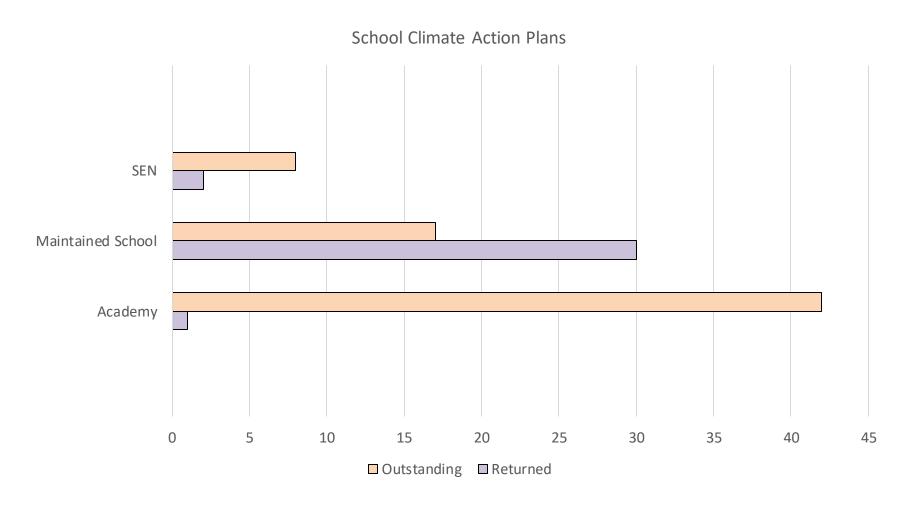
Since the published 2018 baseline for electricity and natural gas arising from the operation of buildings, non-building supplies and vehicles, the Council GHG emissions footprint has reduced by 14.5%.

Progress is positive and we will continue to push ourselves and others to make the changes necessary to tackle this climate emergency.

## Strategic Objectives / Climate Action Plan C1 Community Leadership

C1.7 - By 2023 for all our managed schools and educational facilities to have their own Climate Action Plans in place with our support and assistance on how to unlock opportunities for low and zero carbon technology.

To date 30/47 maintained schools, within the borough, have returned Climate Action Plans. These plans will play an integral role in supporting the Councils Carbon Neutral by 2030 aspirations.



## Strategic Objectives C1 Community Leadership

C1.7	By 2023 for all our managed schools and educational facilities to have their own Climate Action Plans in place with our support and assistance on how to unlock opportunities for low and zero carbon technology.	Ongoing with work already identified for 22/23 to engage and secure plans for each school  30 out of 47 schools have returned Climate Action Plans.
C1.8	During 2021, for all non-Hillingdon managed schools and educational facilities to be contacted and encouraged to put their own Climate Action Plans in place by 2023.	Due to the Covid pandemic it was considered 2021 was not a prudent timeframe. This work is being prioritised for end of 2023 alongside the actions for Council controlled schools.  Engagement is underway to encourage non managed schools to implement Climate Action Plans.
C1.9	To provide a dedicated online resource that is aimed specifically at children. To complement this with an annual schools climate action competition, to support learning and development in schools, offer opportunities to see real world examples of action being taken to tackle climate change and to identify 'young climate champions.'	This activity forms part of the community engagement priority for 2023.  Updated online resource currently in development as part of an overall Communication update, climate action competition to form part of the 2023-24 priorities.
C1.10	To develop a schools engagement strategy to promote and encourage positive climate and environment action in accordance with the objectives and commitments in this plan.	To form part of the schools engagement work to be commenced in 2023.  As detailed within C1.9.