

Hillingdon Climate Action Schools' Engagement Strategy

2022-2030

The London Borough of Hillingdon is committed to our **Strategic Climate Action Plan**: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/climate-action

Our Vision: To become the greenest London borough, to protect and enhance the environment, and to provide a brighter prospect for future generations.

Your role: We need all schools to adopt climate responsible operations to help deliver opportunities to respond to the climate emergency.

How: We will work with you to design local action plans, provide access to resources and opportunities for pupil engagement.

Why: There are many benefits for schools to be engaged in climate action:

- DfE [sustainability and climate change strategy](#) aims to empower pupils and those working in education to fight climate change both inside and outside the classroom.
- Curriculum development in Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE), Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC), British Values, Citizenship, Geography and Science.
- Links through Ofsted's inspection framework.
- Overall financial reduction in running costs.
- Being part of a world change.

Our Strategic Objectives

Our Strategic Plan is a catalyst for a series of other more detailed plans that will include individual school actions and targets.

C1 Community Leadership – Schools:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.’

- 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.

Timeline:

April 2022	Climate Action Plan Template and Resources shared with schools to provide one academic year to plan delivery and return complete plans to the Council by April 2023.
April 2023	Maintained school are required to return their completed Climate Action Plans to the Council for monitoring. If a similar plan is already in place, this will be acceptable. Academy schools are recommended to complete this template or share their plans with the Council.
September 2023	Launch of 'Young Climate Champions' competition for schools to bid for funds led by the School Council (or similar) to draw up a proposal and then pitch to the Council, involving the lead Cabinet Member. Funding could be used for solar panels, cleaner, greener initiatives, planting trees, led lighting etc.
April 2024- April 2030	Review of School Climate Action Plans, and annually thereafter.

Questions: Please contact the Education Team with any queries and we will be happy to help: education@hillington.gov.uk