

## **Environmental Justice: Carbon Action Planning**

The DfE has determined that, by the end of 2025:

1. Every school must have a Carbon Action Plan covering four key areas: decarbonisation; adaptation and resilience; biodiversity; and climate education and green careers. Four resources to help with this:
  - a. The DfE supported Climate Ambassadors are developing an offer of volunteer expert climate ambassadors to assist educational settings with this task. I am waiting for a webinar to find out more about this opportunity and will advise.
  - b. Climate Ambassadors have prepared a [PowerPoint opening up the four key areas of a Climate Action Plan](#)
  - c. The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has prepared a guide for the first key area of the Carbon Action Plan – decarbonisation. [Download the guide.](#)
  - d. The National Governance Association has prepared a [30 min presentation](#) to help governing bodies and academy trust boards to set and monitor the strategic direction around a Carbon Action Plan.
2. Every school must be covered by a Nominated School Sustainability Lead, either within the school or academy trust. For more details see [Sustainability leadership and climate action plans in education - GOV.UK](#). When your lead is appointed, please provide us with the contact details by completing [our simple form](#).

Three other relevant websites:

3. The DfE has commissioned a [website on sustainability](#) with links to many resources.
4. Keep Britain Tidy has a free carbon calculator website that is designed for schools (involving pupils) to be able to calculate their carbon emissions in different areas and then the website will produce suggested actions. It is suggested that no data is uploaded until mid-October as the website is having an update which will improve the quality of the report produced. [See a two minute introductory video.](#)
5. [ICT Carbon Footprint Experts](#) - a website to assist you with IT buying decisions. The choice of equipment will affect the carbon emissions produced in both manufacture and use. This website should help informed choices.