



## Ditton Church Pre-School



## Climate Action Plan

It is a requirement from the Department of Education that all education settings will have a nominated sustainability lead and put a 'Climate Action Plan' into place in 2025 in line with their Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.

Our nominated sustainability leads are Wendy Caldicott and Sheri McKeever.

We are required to have at least 1 action, showing what we can do, under the following four categories:

- 1) **Decarbonisation and reducing emissions** – using less energy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels
- 2) **Adaptation and Resilience** – Preparing for climate change. Adapting our setting so it stays safe, cool and prepared for extreme weather.
- 3) **Improving the Environment and Biodiversity** – Helping nature thrive. Making our setting more nature-friendly and improving outdoor spaces.
- 4) **Climate Education and Green Careers** – Helping children and adults understand environmental issues and think about future opportunities.

What we will do:

### Decarbonisation and reducing emissions

- 1) We will discuss energy usage and energy saving ideas with our Landlord.
- 2) We will turn off lights when not needed and electrical appliances when not in use.
- 3) We will continue to encourage parents and carers to dress their children in additional warm clothing and provide outdoor waterproofs.
- 4) Staff will also wear warm outdoor clothing when appropriate, this will alter as seasons change and heating appliances will not be used in warmer weather.



- 5) We will reduce waste by recycling and will encourage parents to support us by allowing us to ask the children to help us reduce waste by taking home their lunchtime recycling.
- 6) We will encourage parents and carers to walk to Pre School with their children where possible.

### **Adaptation and Resilience**

- 1) It is recommended in the EYFS that children experience water play as part of their learning, so on rainy days we will also encourage children to catch rainwater to use in their play using various containers.
- 2) We teach children to reduce water wastage by turning off taps and using a water butt in the garden to collect rainwater to water plants and to fill water play trays and wash play equipment.
- 3) We ask parents and carers to provide children with a reusable water bottle.
- 4) We involve children in sorting and recycling materials; for example we have a recycling box for waste paper and card.
- 5) We have installed a covered wooden gazebo to protect children and staff from the sun.
- 6) We ask parents and carers to apply sun tan cream to their children before arriving at Pre School and we provide additional sun tan cream to top up as necessary during the day and we ask that sun hats are provided.
- 7) We have regular health and safety reviews with our Landlord, which include ensuring gutters and drains are maintained to reduce the risk of flooding.
- 8) We have an allotment in our large Pre School garden which offers the children a rich learning experience, particularly in Knowledge and Understanding of the World, through planting and growing food and nurturing the seedlings and plants.
- 9) We care for our local birds and mini beasts by making bird feeders and mini beast sanctuaries.
- 10) Through play and learning we teach the children about the wider environment and their local community.
- 11) We have clear labels showing where toilet tissue and blue paper towels should be disposed of.

### **Improving the Environment and Biodiversity**

- 1) We use peat free compost for garden projects.
- 2) We teach the children how to make bird feeders to place in the garden.
- 3) We will re-introduce a compost bin for garden waste.
- 4) Each year we grow and release butterflies, teaching children about life cycles.
- 5) We involve the children in planting seeds in our allotment and growing our own fruit and vegetables
- 6) We help children to plant seeds in recyclable pots and then take them home to nurture them. For example, sunflower seeds and cress seeds.

### **Climate Education and Green Careers**

- 1) We plan termly activities which teach children about nature and the natural world to help prepare them for learning more about sustainability.
- 2) We include science, technology and maths learning in our curriculum.



- 3) Recycling bins are provided for use by staff and children.
- 4) We have signage at sinks for use of water and turning off taps.

**This action plan was adopted by the Ditton Church Pre-School Management Committee**

**Date: November 2025**

**Signed on behalf of the Management Committee**

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**Role of Signatory:**

**Chair of Management Committee**

**Next Review Date:**

**November 2026**