

Climate Action Plan

St Ethelbert's RC Primary School

2025-2027



GET STARTED

Laudato Si: "If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple. If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behaviour. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature."

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Sign up to the Let's Go Zero campaign By joining this campaign, your school confirms that it is taking action now to reduce its own carbon impact, and that it demands the UK Government help all schools reach this goal by the end of the decade.	Start: May 2025 Review: September 2025	MM, RW, TC		
Calculate your school's carbon footprint using Count Your Carbon This free digital tool allows you to calculate the carbon footprint for your educational setting.	Start: May 2025 Review: July 2026	MM, RW, LE, GN	Diocesan Goal 30 – Share your annual activities and reductions in carbon and energy consumption.	
Appoint a sustainability lead with sufficient PPA and support	Start: May 2025 Review: July 2026	MM		RW appointed as sustainability lead.

1. Decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency

Calculating and taking actions to reduce carbon emissions and becoming more energy efficient

ENERGY – BEHAVIOUR CHANGE				
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Take part in a switch off campaign Let's Go Guide	Start: September 2025 Review: December 2025 March 2026 July 2026 December 2026 March 2027 July 2027	All staff, all pupils	Diocesan Goal 3	
Implement a power down strategy for electric devices and appliances e.g. sleep settings on computers and projectors and turning off scanners/ printers overnight	Start: September 2025 Review: December 2025 March 2026 July 2026 December 2026 March 2027 July 2027	RW, PK, KM, all staff	Diocesan Goal 3	
Set your BMS/BEMS appropriately in the evenings, weekends and school holidays, when the building may be out of use	Start: September 2025 Review: December 2025 March 2026 July 2026 December 2026 March 2027 July 2027	PW	Diocesan Goal 3	

ENERGY – BUILDINGS & INFRASTRUCTURE				
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Continue our commitment to our Carbon Zero aim through the use of our solar panels.	Start: May 2025 Review: September 2025	MM, GN, Governors		
Continue our commitment to our Carbon Zero aim through the use of our LED lighting	Start: May 2025 Review: September 2025	MM, GN, Governors		

PROCUREMENT

Laudato Si: “We all know that it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels. The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits and we still have not solved the problem of poverty.”

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Reuse school uniform through a uniform exchange Let's Go Guide	Start: September 2025 Review: December 2025 March 2026 July 2026 December 2026 March 2027 July 2027	KR, SA	Diocesan Goal 5 and 9	

FOOD

Catholic Life and Mission (CLM3.5): Leaders and governors are inspirational witness to the Gospel and to Catholic Social Teaching in their direction of the school at every level: this is shown through our decisions surrounding the nourishment of our pupils, staff and community. They embody the Church's preferential option for the poor by ensuring that resources are consciously and effectively targeted at those in greatest need through our work on minimising food waste. In every one of their decisions, such as supporting meat reduction on our school menus, they demonstrate an exemplary commitment to care for our Common Home, to the pursuit of the common good and to service of those in greatest need.

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Weigh food waste from kitchen and plates and share results	Start: January 2026 Review: March 2026 July 2026 December 2026 March 2027 July 2027	RW, TC, JS, Caritas Ambassadors		

TRANSPORT

Catholic Life and Mission (CLM1.3): Through actions such as our sustainable travel campaigns, pupils gladly embrace their personal responsibility to care for our Common Home, pursue the common good and through their global actions on transport, serve those in need.

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Conduct a staff and student travel survey The Diocese carries out an annual travel survey, contact laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for further information	Start: April 2027 Review: July 2027	All staff, All pupils	Diocesan Goal 7	

WASTE

Catholic Life and Mission (CLM1.3): Through our mission to act as stewards of our common home, our pupils have a clear understanding that the school community is committed to following the teaching and example of Jesus as expressed in the Gospels, the social teaching of the Church and the school's own particular charism. As a result of taking part in our waste reduction actions, such as donating their pre-loved uniform to our uniform swap shops, pupils flourish as they seek opportunities to grow in virtue. Through leading campaigns, such as recycling the canteens, they gladly embrace their personal responsibility to care for our Common Home, pursue the common good and serve those in need.

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Label bins clearly	Start: September 2026 Review: December 2026	PK	Diocesan Goal 6	
Education around recycling as part of assemblies or other whole school opportunities	Start: September 2026 Review: December 2026	RW, Laudato Si Ambassadors	Diocesan Goal 6	

2. Climate adaptation and resilience

Taking actions to reduce the risk of flooding and overheating and to future-proof scarce resources for potential shortages

ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

Catholic Life and Mission (CLM1.4): Pupils take a leading role in responding to the demands of Catholic Social Teaching and are pro-active in finding ways of responding, locally, nationally and globally to issues surrounding water conservation. They can clearly articulate the theology underpinning their actions to care for our common home, locally through turning off taps and collecting rainwater for our gardens through to global action for all God's children, such as supporting our adaptation and resilience measures.

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Subscribe to receive the UK Health Security Heat Health Alert	Start: May 2026 Review: July 2026	MM, RW, TC		

WATER

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ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Raise awareness around consumption and efficiency through workshops and displays	Start: January 2027 Review: July 2027	MM, RW	Diocesan Goal 4	

3. Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure

Creating habitats and adopting practices that will enhance species diversity on the school estate and beyond

NATURE

Catholic Life and Mission (CLM1.4): Through our care for the natural world, our pupils take a leading role in responding to the demands of Catholic Social Teaching and are pro-active in finding ways of responding, locally, nationally and globally. They can clearly articulate the theology underpinning their actions such as protecting God's world and caring for its inhabitants. They carry out this mission through wildflower seeding, tree planting and tending our gardens.

Catholic Schools Inspectorate (CSI pp.40-41): "Inspectors will most likely draw upon some or all of the following evidence sources in making judgements about how effective the school is in providing for the Catholic life and mission of the school... evidence of school commitment to the environment and care for our common home, e.g. wildlife gardens or Laudato Si' prayer gardens."

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Create an outdoor learning space with seating, shelter and suitable accessibility	Start: September 2026 Review: July 2027	MM, RW, PK, KR Governors	Diocesan Goal 11 and 23	

4. Climate Education, Green Skills and Green Careers

Ensuring the education you provide gives knowledge-rich and comprehensive teaching about climate change, and that your teaching staff feel supported to offer this

CULTURE

Laudato Si: "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us, such as cooking only what can reasonably be consumed and showing care for other living beings."

ACTION	TIMEFRAME	STAKEHOLDERS	SIP/DIOCESAN LINK	NOTES/TRACKER
Include a commitment to sustainability in school values statement	Start: September 2026 Review: December 2026	MM, RW		

Add sustainability goals/ projects/ successes to school website	Start: September 2026 Review: July 2027	MM, SToCCAT		
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CURRICULUM

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Complete a curriculum audit & incorporate sustainability Teach the Future Let's Go Guide	Start: October 2026 Review: May 2027	MM, KM, RW, Subject Leaders	Diocesan Goal 25	