

## Russell Lower School

### Climate Action Plan and Eco-Schools Plan 2024/25

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Climate Action Plan Area (DfE)	Eco Schools Area	Tools and resources	Current situation	Objectives	Actions	Who is responsible?	How will it be measured?	By when?	Cost?					
Decarbonisation Energy	Energy	Energy Sparks - <a href="https://energysparks.uk/">https://energysparks.uk/</a> Greensand Community Energy Central Bedfordshire Council - Sustainability officers: Amelia Grigg <a href="mailto:Amelia.Grigg@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">Amelia.Grigg@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a> Ruth Sneath <a href="mailto:Ruth.Sneath@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">Ruth.Sneath@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We do not know our carbon footprint so we do not know the impact of our Eco Code	Know our carbon footprint calculation**  Use less energy  Lower school energy bills  Turn off all lights, monitors and screens when there is no-one in the room.	Complete the 'count your carbon' calculation and share the summary report with SLT/governors (add to action plan)  Eco committee to produce reminder posters for Computing suite  Eco committee to create energy checklists for teachers and staff members to remind them what needs switching off.	Karen Appleby  School Council  Eco committee	Carbon footprint calculation will be reducing	July 2025	0					
		<a href="https://carbonliteracy.com/education/">https://carbonliteracy.com/education/</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>												
		<a href="https://www.countyourcarbon.org/**">https://www.countyourcarbon.org/**</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>								Know our carbon footprint calculation**	Complete the 'count your carbon' calculation and share the summary report with SLT/governors (add to action plan)	Karen Appleby	Carbon footprint calculation will be reducing	July 2025

		<a href="https://letsgozero.org/climate-action-advisors/">https://letsgozero.org/climate-action-advisors/</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We do not currently have any expert advice	Contact climate action advisors to support reducing our carbon footprint	Contact climate action advisors to support reducing our carbon footprint	Becky Salih	Carbon footprint calculation will be reducing	July 2025	Free
				At least one governor has some 'green' training	Mariella Cook to undertake training and support the school with their CAP	Mariella Cook	Governors with be more knowledgeable	July 2025	?
<b>Decarbonisation</b> <b>Travel</b>	Transport	<a href="https://carbonliteracy.com/education/">https://carbonliteracy.com/education/</a> Cut your carbon campaign Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We do not know our carbon footprint	Know our carbon footprint calculation**	Complete the 'count your carbon' calculation and share the summary report with SLT/governors (add to action plan)	Karen Appleby	Carbon footprint calculation will be reducing	July 2025	0
		<a href="https://www.countyourcarbon.org/">https://www.countyourcarbon.org/</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We do not actively plan with carbon footprint in mind	Green school trips - To ensure that trips are as green as possible by walking when possible and using the fewest amount of coaches as possible.	Use local areas for school trips  Book fewest amount of coaches as possible.	Sarah Bremner - Office Manager	Reduced coach trips	Ongoing	0
		<a href="https://letsgozero.org/climate-action-advisors/">https://letsgozero.org/climate-action-advisors/</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We do already encourage active travel, termly	Walk/cycle/scoot to school week to reduce our carbon footprint.	Dates in the school calendar 3x year	Louise Bunney - DHT	Data collected for active travel 3x a year	Termly	0
		<a href="https://www.retrofitaction.org.uk/">https://www.retrofitaction.org.uk/</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>							
<b>Adaptation &amp; Resilience</b>	School grounds	John O'Conner  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We thoroughly cut all our grass	Ask John O'Conner to leave an area for wildlife Communicate it to the school via the school council	No mow May Agree on an area that will not be mowed to encourage wildlife.	Becky Salih Karen Appleby	Area of wildlife evident	Summer 2025	0

<b>Biodiversity</b>	Biodiversity	Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	Limited diversity on school grounds	Contribute to the overall biodiversity of the school's outside areas by planting a range of diverse plants in each planter outside.	Research plants that encompass a range of characteristics .	Eco committee	Increase range of wildlife and planting	Dec 2025	£200
	Marine	The Odd Fish by Naomi Jones <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW3jE1YBFzg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW3jE1YBFzg</a> Ocean wise – lunchbox challenge  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>		To reduce the use of resources that add to ocean, air and soil pollution, e.g. glitter.	Eco committee to research and make their own biodegradable glitter.	Eco committee	Reduced use of glitter	Dec 2025	0
		John O'Conner  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We thoroughly cut all our grass	Ask John O'Conner to leave an area for wildlife Communicate it to the school via the school council	No mow May Agree on an area that will not be mowed to encourage wildlife.	Becky Salih Karen Appleby	Area of wildlife evident	Summer 2025	0
<b>Waste &amp; Consumption</b>	Litter	<a href="https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/">https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/</a>  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We occasionally have community litter picks	Participate in community litter picks with the Ampthill Climate Change group.	Email PTA and arrange date  Purchase new litter pickers  Send out letters to parents	PTA School Council	Litter picks are in the calendar twice a year	July 2025	0
	Waste	Plastic Clever Schools - <a href="https://plasticcleverschools.co.uk/">https://plasticcleverschools.co.uk/</a>  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	There is a lot of single use plastic used by the community	To reduce the use of single use plastic by using reusable water bottles and lunchbox packaging.	Newsletters	School Council Headteacher	Clearly reduced single use plastic items in school. Rarely brought by school for events	Easter 2025	0
		Caterlink  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>  <a href="https://blog.bunzlchs.com/get-ready-for-new-waste-management-regulations-in-2025-how-bchs-can-help-your-businesses/">https://blog.bunzlchs.com/get-ready-for-new-waste-management-regulations-in-2025-how-bchs-can-help-your-businesses/</a>	Recycle food waste appropriately  To comply with new recycling	To reduce the amount of food thrown away  To recycle food in an environmentally friendly way and to separate it	Examine menus for % eaten and adapt  Source appropriate food bins	Caterlink  School Council  CBC	Reduced food waste, appropriately recycled	April 2025	?

			rules due in March 2025	from dry recyclables and general waste	Communicate with parents, children and staff				
		For more information and to book, visit <a href="https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/95/schools_portal/1236/eco-schools">https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/95/schools_portal/1236/eco-schools</a>		Resources brought into school to support children understanding more about green issues	Borrow green boxes from CBC or the School Council to make their own versions	CBC School Council	Evidences boxes are used	Spring term 2025	Free
<b>Climate Education and Green Skills</b>	Global Citizenship	Eco-schools Programme and Green Flag award  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We have the Green Flag and are applying for it again from May 2025	To deliver pupil led eco projects for the entire school community	To renew our Green Flag award status for 25/26	School Council and Eco Committee  Becky Salih	Effective application  Green Flag	Dec 2025	£250
	Healthy Living	Caterlink  Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We have a school Eco-Code	Meat free Mondays?	To educate pupils on the importance or reducing consumption of meat	School Council and Eco Committee  Becky Salih  Caterlink	Reducing the amount of meat served over a 3 week period	July 2025	0
	Water	<a href="https://www.anlianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/education/schools/primary-resources/eco-schools/">https://www.anlianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/education/schools/primary-resources/eco-schools/</a> Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We have a lot of taps that do not turn off easily	Reduce water bills and consumption	Host an assembly/info about saving water.  Relaunch Eco Code  Talk to Martin Clarke about changing the taps in school	Martin Clarke Karen Appleby Nicki Walker	Reduce water bills and consumption	Dec 2025	0
<b>Green Careers</b>		Parent and local community Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>	We do not currently teach the children about 'green' careers	Children are aware of some 'green' career options	On World Earth Day (22nd April 2025) invite parents to come in and talk to year groups about their jobs in environmental roles/sustainability etc.	Helena (Science lead) Lara (Geography lead)	Parents come in and children are inspired by some career choices	April 2025	Free
		Covanta Waste Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>							

		Greensand Trust Eco Schools - <a href="mailto:BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">BeGreen@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a>							

Daily dose of nature - <https://www.wwf.org.uk/prescription-for-nature/schools>

National tree week (end of Nov/beginning of Dec) <https://treecouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/TC-A5-Activity-book-Links.pdf>

World Earth Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Meat free Mondays? Healthy living - look at school lunch menu

RSPB – Big garden bird watch