



Climate Action Plan



Gayton Church of England



Primary

Academy

At Gayton Church of England Primary Academy, we believe that small actions can lead to big changes, and we're excited to take steps toward a greener, more sustainable future. Our Climate Action Plan is all about creating a positive impact



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on the environment while inspiring our students, staff, and families to work together for a cleaner, healthier world.

From reducing waste to saving energy, we are committed to making eco-friendly choices that will benefit not only our school but the community around us. By embracing these efforts, we hope to encourage everyone at Gayton Church of England Primary Academy to become climate champions and help build a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.

SUMMARY

	2 items
In progress:	7 items
Completed:	1 item



Not started:

Decarbonisation

Install Solar Panels

Installing solar panels requires an MCS certified installer to install them. They will normally be able to give you an idea of the amount of solar panels that can fit on the premises. You'll need to also decide if you would like a battery system as well, to help store energy during winter months when there is less sunshine available.

Not started

Run a switch off campaign

A switch-off campaign raises awareness about energy consumption and encourages simple behavioural changes to reduce waste. Schools can run competitions, put up reminder posters, and conduct audits to track energy savings. Engaging pupils through classroom discussions and realtime energy monitoring can make energy efficiency a long-term habit.

Started: 14th Jul 2025

In progress



Adaptation & Resilience

Create a Heatwave Health and Safety Assessment

As heatwaves become more common due to climate change, schools must ensure the wellbeing of pupils and staff during extreme temperatures. A heatwave health and safety assessment should include installing shaded seating areas, increasing hydration points, improving ventilation, and adjusting schedules during hot weather. Proactive planning helps prevent heat-related illnesses while fostering a healthier, more resilient learning environment.

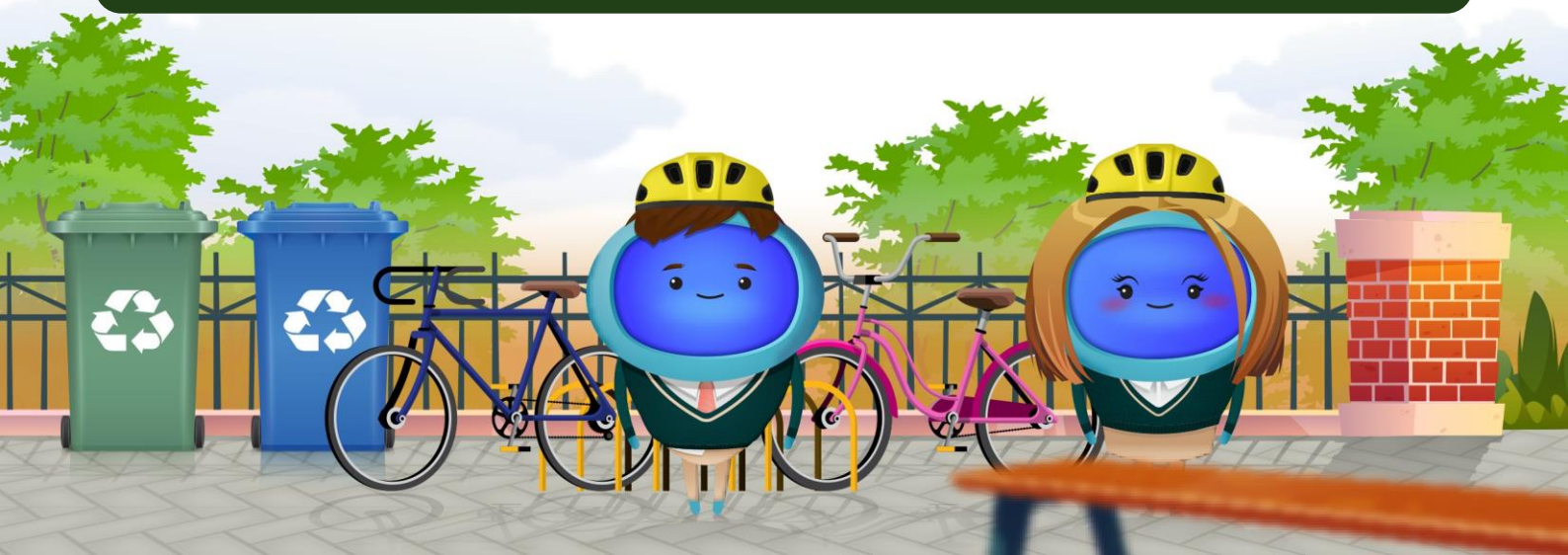
Not started

Create a School Community Garden for Food Resilience

Establishing a community garden allows schools to grow their own fruits and vegetables, reducing reliance on external food sources. This initiative provides hands-on sustainability education, promotes healthy eating, and fosters a sense of community among pupils and staff.

Started: 14th Jul 2025

In progress



Adaptation & Resilience

Switch to Recycled Paper for Printing

Schools can significantly reduce their environmental impact by switching to recycled or FSC-certified paper for printing. Recycled paper manufacturing requires less water and energy compared to virgin paper, reducing carbon emissions. Schools should also consider digital alternatives to minimise paper use.

Started: 14th Jul 2025

In progress



Biodiversity

Join community initiatives

Community environmental initiatives such as tree planting, litter picking, or local green space protection projects can provide excellent opportunities for pupils and staff to make a positive impact on their local environment. These initiatives also help build a culture of sustainability within your school or MAT.

Started: 14th Jul 2025

In progress

Start a gardening club

A gardening club provides pupils with hands-on experience in growing flowers, vegetables, and trees, while also teaching them about sustainability, soil health, and biodiversity. Gardening improves mental well-being, fosters teamwork, and enhances outdoor learning opportunities. Schools can use gardens to produce food, beautify the environment, and engage pupils in long-term eco-friendly initiatives.

Started: 14th Jul 2025

In progress



Biodiversity

Work with the pupils to get their views on how the school site should look

Schools can involve pupils in decision-making about their learning environment, ensuring that sustainability considerations are incorporated. Whether through workshops, surveys, or school councils, pupil input can lead to more effective green space planning, improved outdoor learning areas, and projects that align with their needs and interests. Involving pupils also increases their sense of ownership and responsibility for the school environment.

Started: 24th Oct 2025

Completed: 24th Oct 2025

In progress



Climate Education & Green Skills

Create a School Eco Committee

A school eco committee gives pupils the opportunity to lead sustainability projects, influence school policies, and advocate for environmental improvements. This initiative fosters leadership, encourages responsibility, and ensures sustainability remains a core focus in school decision-making.

Started: 24th Oct 2025

In progress



Climate Education & Green Skills

Provide staff CPD on Embedding Sustainability in the Curriculum

Schools can offer CPD sessions focused on embedding sustainability across subjects, ensuring that educators have the knowledge and resources to integrate environmental topics effectively. UCL's free Teaching for Sustainable Futures course is available for Geography and History teachers, but training should also support other subjects in incorporating sustainability themes. Ensuring teachers have dedicated time for curriculum development helps make sustainability a lasting part of the school's educational framework.

Started: 24th Oct 2025

Completed: 24th Oct 2025

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