

# East Bergholt CEVC Primary School Climate Action Plan 2025 – 2030



East Bergholt CEVC Primary School has developed this Climate Action Plan in response to the Department for Education's *Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy (2022)* and the requirement that by 2025 all schools nominate a sustainability lead and publish a climate action plan. Our plan sets out manageable, phased actions across four key areas – decarbonisation, biodiversity, adaptation and resilience, and climate education – ensuring we play our part in addressing climate change while keeping commitments realistic and achievable for our school context.

Goal Area	Action	Steps	Timeline / Completion	Resources
<b>Decarbonisation</b>	Upgrade lighting to LED	Phase in LED replacements across classrooms	By 2030	Operational staff, budget for replacement
	Restore and maximise use of solar panels	Continue to use existing panels Plan for replacement of fire-damaged section so all panels are in use	2025–2027	SLT, Governors, Contractors
	Run 'Switch Off' campaign	Eco Council to promote energy saving in assemblies and posters	Annually	Eco Council, teachers
<b>Biodiversity</b>	Develop allotment planting area	Seasonal planting and small garden projects in the school allotment, supported by Thursday lunchtime volunteer group from Old Hall	Annual	Eco Council, staff volunteers, pupils
	Rewild Forest School area	Allow wildflower and natural habitat growth in Forest School zone to encourage biodiversity	Ongoing	Eco Council, Forest School leader, Grounds Team
	Develop Forest Schools programme	Replace one outdoor PE session each half term with Forest Schools activities for all classes. One Forest School session each Spring Term will be a whole-school 'Nature Day'.	Each half term (from 2025)	Forest School leader, teaching staff
<b>Resilience and Adaptation</b>	Monitor hot weather risks	Check classroom temperatures, adjust ventilation and uniform policy	Ongoing (as required)	SLT, Class teachers
	Promote water conservation	Eco Council posters and awareness campaign	Annual	Eco Council
	Maintain shaded outdoor areas	Check playground shading and maintain structures/trees	Ongoing	SLT, Grounds Maintenance Team
<b>Climate Education and Green Careers</b>	Eco Council lead assemblies	Deliver termly assemblies on sustainability themes	Termly	Eco Council, staff support
	Integrate sustainability into curriculum	Teachers link climate themes in PSHE, science, geography	Ongoing	Teaching staff
	Celebrate Eco Council initiatives	Update school website and newsletters with progress	Termly	Office staff, Eco Council