



Climate Action Strategy 2025-2028

In line with the DfE Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, Heaton St Barnabas CE Primary School has developed a Climate Action Strategy to reduce its environmental footprint, particularly in the drive to achieve net zero.

Through education we have the privilege to be able to engage directly with children and young people who:

- are passionate about the natural world
- want to do their best to protect it
- can influence their wider communities

Through their learned and lived experiences, we will provide opportunities to develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the importance of nature, sustainability and the causes and impact of climate change and to translate this knowledge into positive action and solutions

Vision:

Heaton St Barnabas believes that as a school organisation with the opportunity to teach and inspire, we have a responsibility to educate our children and their communities and provide them with the skills needed in a future world damaged by climate change. We are committed to the ambitious target of becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

Strategic Aims:

We will focus on reducing the carbon output in **scope 1** (Emissions from activities owned or controlled by the school. Examples include emissions from combustion in owned or controlled boilers) and **scope 2** (Emissions from own consumption of purchased electricity i.e. Heating, lighting and cooling).

We will seek to work with partners in the supply chain who share a similar ambition to reducing carbon in **scope 3** (Emissions that are as a consequence of the school's actions, but the source is not

owned or controlled, for example, uniform manufacturing and commuting)

Heaton St Barnabas will use a mile stone approach when reducing carbon emissions and will do this through the school's Climate Action Plan.

The Climate Action Plan has been developed with 4 key action areas driving this change:

1. **Decarbonisation:** Calculating and taking actions to reduce carbon emissions, such as becoming more energy efficient.
2. **Adaptation and Resilience:** Plans to reduce or adapt to risks resulting from climate change.
3. **Biodiversity:** Engaging with outdoor projects.
4. **Climate Education, Training and Jobs:** Ensuring St Barnabas is providing education about climate change and that teaching staff are supported to do so through their curriculum and teaching and opportunities for travel to and from work.

