

Christ Church Primary Eco-Friendly Initiative

Case Study

1. Title of Initiative

"Going Green" A Path to Biodiveristy & Decarbonisation at Christ Church Academy

2. Which of the four pillars of DfE Climate Action Plan guidance does your initiative relate to?

Biodiveristy & Decarbonisation

3. What did you do?

We created and Eco-Team to try help decrease our carbon and highlight climate change by giving the children their own voice to make a change. We chose energy, healthy living and litter and the children helped recycle batteries, grow food in our edible garden and litter pick. Parents were informed of the fantastic things the eco-committee did throughout the year via our monthly newsletters.

4 What difference has it made?

So far it is hard to know the true impact as these projects are a rolling work in progress. However, we predict the woodland area will have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing, alongside being an educational space to enhance habitats and hopefully watch birds nest and lay eggs in our new bird watching camera. Pupil leadership from the eco-team has increased, and the children are feeling more confident in raising various concerns they have and putting forward ideas like making sure we recycle more, and using green space properly.

We have found that the edible garden has been not only a great space for learning how to grow our own fruits and vegetables, but it is also used as a story time space for classes in spring/summer and offers a lovely peaceful environment where the children can sit and enjoy the fresh air whilst reading a class story.

We hope our new climate action plan will push positive changes in our energy use, recycling rate and also enhance both pupil and staff knowledge regarding reducing our carbon, in line with BDAT's goal to net zero.