

# Crowcombe & Stogumber C of E Primary Schools

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Our vision is to **reduce emissions, adapt to climate change, enhance biodiversity, and prepare students for a sustainable future**. This plan sets out practical steps for our schools and community to achieve these goals.

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#### 1. Decarbonisation

Focus: Cutting carbon emissions and promoting sustainable habits.

- **Energy Efficiency:** Reduce heating and lighting usage, switch to LED, explore renewable energy sources (solar, wind), and review insulation.
  - **Waste Reduction:** Minimise classroom, office, and lunchtime waste; reduce single-use plastics; recycle electronic devices and toner cartridges.
  - **Travel & Transport:** Promote active travel (walking bus, cycling), car-sharing, and conduct regular travel surveys.
  - **Repair, Reuse, Recycle:** Organise repair cafés, toy and clothes swap events, and improve recycling systems.
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#### 2. Adaptation & Resilience

Focus: Preparing buildings and systems for climate impacts.

- **Water Efficiency:** Maintain plumbing, install water butts, and reduce water waste.
  - **Indoor & Outdoor Adaptations:** Create shaded areas (trees, pergolas), improve ventilation, and prepare for extreme weather.
  - **Community Garden:** Develop shared growing spaces for pupils and villagers to learn and collaborate.
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#### 3. Biodiversity

Focus: Enhancing nature and improving air quality.

- **Pollution Baseline:** Monitor air, water, and noise pollution; reduce chemical use.
  - **Curriculum Integration:** Embed biodiversity education—habitats, bird-friendly planting, composting.
  - **Community Engagement:** Participate in tree planting, bioblitz events, and maintain local nature partnerships.
  - **Uniform Review:** Explore sustainable materials and promote pre-loved uniform sales.
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#### 4. Climate Education & Green Skills

Focus: Preparing students for a sustainable future.

- **Curriculum Mapping:** Review and embed climate and sustainability topics across subjects.
- **Practical Skills:** Develop survival and green skills (first aid, navigation, wild foods).

- **Community & Democracy:** Engage with local councils, businesses, and green career ambassadors.
- **Eco-Pledges:** Encourage families and pupils to adopt sustainable habits (plastic-free lunches, uniform swaps).

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**Together, we aim to love, encourage, achieve, and flourish—while caring for our planet.**