



Wingrove Primary School

Sustainability Policy

Intent

Wingrove Primary School is dedicated to fostering a sustainable and environmentally responsible culture throughout the school community. Building on our Climate Action Plan, we commit to reducing our carbon footprint and embedding sustainable practices in all aspects of school life. We aim to equip pupils, staff, and the wider community with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to act responsibly towards the planet and its resources.

Our vision is to nurture future generations who understand and value the interconnectedness of natural and human systems and who actively participate in local, national, and global efforts to combat climate change. Sustainability education at Wingrove is designed to engage pupils' senses, emotions, and intellect, fostering a lifelong ethic of care for people and the environment.

Specific Policy Aims

- To enhance staff expertise and confidence in climate action and sustainability education.
- To empower pupils to take leadership roles in climate action initiatives.
- To provide meaningful, practical opportunities for pupils to engage in sustainability projects.
- To improve the energy efficiency and environmental impact of the school's facilities.
- To integrate sustainability principles across all areas of the curriculum.
- To minimise food waste and promote sustainable food practices within the school community.
- To ensure full compliance with the latest recycling and waste management regulations.

Implementation

Sustainability is embedded throughout Wingrove Primary School via collaborative efforts led by staff, Climate Action Champions, Waste Warriors and the School Council. Our approach integrates sustainability into daily routines, school-wide initiatives, and the physical environment.



- Pupils lead and participate in projects that connect local, national, and global climate issues with practical action.
- Curriculum planning includes opportunities to enhance literacy, numeracy, and creative skills through sustainability themes, including outdoor learning via Forest School.
- Staff and pupils are supported to become Climate Action Champions, fostering a culture of responsibility, empathy, and global citizenship.
- Energy audits and habitat monitoring inform ongoing improvements to the school environment, supporting biodiversity and reducing energy consumption.

Teaching Methods, Opportunities, and Approaches

Wingrove provides diverse opportunities for the school community to develop sustainability knowledge and skills:

- **Staff Development:** Regular training on climate change, sustainability, and practical environmental stewardship.
- **Pupil Leadership:** Climate action projects led by pupils, with active roles for the School Council and engagement in wider climate campaigns.
- **Hands-On Activities:** Use of the school garden/allotment for food growing, community litter picks, conservation efforts, and citizen science projects to enhance local environmental quality.
- **Facility Management:** Continuous efforts to improve energy efficiency, conduct environmental audits, and enhance outdoor learning spaces that support local wildlife and conservation.

Impact and Monitoring

Wingrove assesses the impact of sustainability initiatives through a combination of formative and summative methods:

- Teachers observe and engage with pupils to evaluate understanding and participation in climate action.
- Feedback from pupils and staff involved in projects informs ongoing development.
- Climate leaders analyse outcomes to identify successes and areas for further improvement.
- Long-term commitment to sustainability is encouraged, with projects designed to foster lifelong environmental responsibility.