## 🌍 Sustainability at Adelaide Primary School

*Putting planet and pupils at the heart of everything we do*

At Adelaide Primary, we believe sustainability isn't just a responsibility—it's a mindset. A way of thinking, teaching, and leading that prepares our children for the world they will inherit. That's why we've made sustainability a core school priority and committed ourselves to bold, practical action.

We've officially joined the **Let's Go Zero** campaign, pledging to become a zero-carbon school by 2030. This national movement unites schools across the UK in calling for meaningful climate action—and we're proud to be part of it.

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## ✅ What We've Done So Far

Here are some of the actions already taken as part of our 2025–26 Climate Action Plan:

- 🌿 **Signed up to Let's Go Zero** via the Humber Education Trust
- 📊 **Calculated our carbon footprint** using the Count Your Carbon tool (305 tonnes/year; 0.79 tonnes/pupil)
- ⚡ **Smart monitoring in progress** with Zenergi to track and reduce energy use
- 🛠️ **Improved building management** through staff training on our BMS (building management systems)
- 🌡️ **Working on energy efficiency**, including better temperature settings, pipe insulation, and smarter use of heating and lighting
- 👚 **Promoting uniform reuse** and developing a school uniform exchange

- 🍔 **Reviewing food provision**, exploring plant-based meal options and reducing meat-based ingredients
- 🚲 **Supporting active travel**, including plans for cycle shelters and registering with Modeshift STARS
- 🗑️ **Educating around waste**, launching recycling campaigns and engaging with plastic reduction initiatives
- 💧 **Increasing water awareness**, through both pupil education and practical changes like leak detection and water butts
- 🌻 **Investing in nature**, from joining The Nature Park to starting a gardening club and improving our school's biodiversity
- 📚 **Embedding climate education** across our curriculum, training staff, and engaging with the Climate Ambassadors scheme
- 🧠 **Building a culture of action**, with sustainability added to our website, school leadership agenda, and pupil voice structures

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### 🚀 Our Next Steps

We're not stopping here. Over the next academic year, we're aiming to:

- Launch a whole-school **Switch-Off Campaign** to cut unnecessary energy use
- Develop our **sustainable procurement** approach
- Further reduce our **hot water and lighting inefficiencies**
- Continue to promote **plant-based eating** through education and menu planning
- Advance our **active travel plan** and explore **EV charging options**
- Conduct a **thermal imaging audit** to tackle heat loss in school buildings
- Roll out **recycling assemblies** and participate in a **Plastic Free Schools campaign**
- Begin **rooftop planting and habitat improvements** to support biodiversity
- Set up a **Sustainability Leadership Team** across staff and pupils
- Support staff with **CPD** on climate education and curriculum development

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### 💬 Working Together for Change

This is a whole-school mission. Every member of our community—students, staff, families, governors—has a part to play. Whether that's remembering to switch off lights, choosing a plant-based lunch, cycling to school, or helping run a recycling campaign, small changes lead to big impact.

Our Climate Action Plan is not a box-ticking exercise. It's a living, breathing commitment to doing better—for our pupils, our planet, and the generations to come.

*Want to know more? Visit* letsgozero.org