



Climate Action Plan (CAP) for St Dunstan's School 2025 - 2026

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	Action	Who?	By when	Comments
Sustainability Fundamentals	Start your sustainability journey			
	The school's Sustainability Lead	Mrs N Watson Assistant Headteacher for Safeguarding & Personal Development	September 2025	Personal development focuses on nurturing students' values, character, and social responsibility. Climate education and action are key to developing ethical, globally aware citizens.
	Sign your school up to the Let's Go Zero campaign for free advice and guidance on creating your Climate Action Plan.	Mrs N Watson	September 2025	" Let's Go Zero " is a UK-wide campaign aimed at supporting schools in achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.
Decarbonisation	Energy & Buildings			
	Calculate the School's carbon footprint using Count Your Carbon	Mrs N Watson	October 2025	Free digital tool to calculate carbon footprint for school May need support from a range of staff to get data for assessment
	Appoint pupil energy monitors as part of The Student Council. Visit Energy Sparks for suggested tasks.	Mrs N Watson	October 2025	Visit Energy Sparks Energy Saving Actions page for more ideas.
	Monitor energy use on a regular basis by logging onto your school Energy Sparks account or via the ESOS portal .	Mrs S Gerrard	November 2025	May need support from a range of staff to access data. Contact Rachel Dodgson rdodgson@msnpartnership.com at the Trust if unsure



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				about whether you are signed up to Energy Sparks
	Review the recommendations on your Display Energy Certificate (DEC) displayed in your building/s	Mrs S Gerrard	November 2025	May need support from the Trust. Contact rdodgson@msnpartnership.com
	Consider improving insulation of buildings	Mrs S Gerrard	December 2025	May need support from the Trust. Contact scoombs@msnpartnership.com
	Check all energy meters are "Smart" and arrange for meters to be changed where necessary.	Mrs S Gerrard	December 2025	May need support from the Trust. Contact rdodgson@msnpartnership.com
	Switch off campaign. Discuss at staff meetings and get pupils involved. Monitor before and after using Energy Sparks data. Could use Switch-Off Fortnight	Mrs N Watson	November 2025	Switch off Fortnight happens in November. There are lots of resources including posters and assembly plans on the website.
	Create switch off checklists for end of day/week/term Create list of things to be turned off in classrooms, offices, particularly at end of term Lights, printers, fridges etc	Mrs S Gerrard	November 2025	There are switch off checklists from Energy Sparks here , including an editable version ('download resources on the RHS of the page).
	Implement a power-down strategy for electric devices, e.g. sleep settings on computers and projectors and air conditioning/electrical heating units.	Mrs S Gerrard	November 2025	See IT department about IT shutdown overnight and at weekends - see case study on Energy Sparks website
	Check that your building/s management and heating systems are running efficiently and correctly.	Mrs S Gerrard	December 2025	May need support from the Trust. Contact snel@msnpartnership.com
	Carry out a programme of lamp replacement until all are LED, install motion sensors where feasible	Mrs S Gerrard	December 2025	May need support from the Trust. Contact dharding@msnpartnership.com



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	and where these would be effective.			
	Organise energy saving campaigns such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep doors and windows closed when the heating is on Open blinds and switch off lights when daylight levels allow it 	Mrs N Watson	January 2026	Visit Energy Sparks Energy Saving Actions page for more ideas.
	Ensure that thermostats are not set above recommended 18°C degrees.	Mrs S Gerrard	October 2025	You may need support from central estates team, contact snel@msnpartnership.com
Decarbonisation	Transport			
	Work with the "Safer Routes to School" initiative to encourage walking and cycling.	Mrs N Watson	March 2026	https://www.sustrans.org.uk/for-professionals/education/
	Join in with "Walk to School Week"	Mrs N Watson	May 2026	https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week/
	Provide lockable area for secure storage of bikes	Mr P Balkwill	September 2025	
	Encourage car sharing (staff and sixth form).	Mr P Balkwill	October 2025	
	"Act on Idling" Encourage car driving visitors to switch off engines during pick up/drop off to reduce air pollution.	Mrs N Watson	December 2025	
	Investigate "School Streets Initiative"	Mrs N Watson	December 2025	https://schoolstreets.org.uk/
	Greener School Trips - Combine school trips using	Mrs N Watson	November	



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	coach travel where possible. Consider public transport as an alternative.		2025	
Decarbonisation	Food			
	Dispose of food waste in designated bins in the kitchen/dining room/staff room.	Mrs S Gerrard	October 2025	Should be dealt with already in catering kitchens but might be needed elsewhere, eg staffroom
	Encourage pupils and their families to join in with Food Waste Action Week	Mrs N Watson	March 2026	https://www.wrap.ngo/take-action/love-food-hate-waste/food-waste-action-week
	Encourage staff to have a "Meat Free Monday" to align with the pupil menus.	Mrs N Watson	January 2026	
	Encourage use of reusable drink containers through cost incentives or by applying tariffs.	Mrs N Watson	October 2025	NWa to provide free school bags and free water bottles to those struggling to buy them
Decarbonisation	Procurement			
	Ensure that school purchases align with sustainability criteria (eco friendly products, including electrical goods)	Mrs S Gerrard	February 2026	For advice on electrical goods contact dharding@msnpartnership.com
	Use greener cleaning products where possible	Mrs S Gerrard	January 2026	
	"Round up" unused supplies such as pens, highlighters to restock the school stationery cupboard.	Mrs N Watson	Ongoing	
	Sign up to Furniture/Equipment sites such as Collecteco, or local recycling groups to source useful items that would otherwise go to landfill.	Mrs S Gerrard	January 2026	Collecteco - https://collecteco.co.uk/



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	Task your "Green Club" to lead waste reduction initiatives	Mrs N Watson	November 2025	Student Council Go Green ambassadors.
	Encourage use of reusable water bottles to reduce single use plastic.	Mrs N Watson	November 2025	
	Reduce single use plastics and encourage reusable materials. Replace plastic cutlery with reusable cutlery.	Mrs N Watson	November 2025	Central catering has already done this - but consider your staff room etc.
	Implement recycling and composting schemes.	Mrs S Gerrard	December 2025	https://getcomposting.com/
	Reduce printer/photocopying usage in school through awareness sessions and conversations with departments.	Mrs N Watson	December 2025	
	Host events such as "Repair Shops" or "Uniform/Equipment Swapping" events through your PTAs or through external groups.	Mrs N Watson	September 2025	Repair Shops - https://therestartproject.org/about/ https://menssheds.org.uk/ Donation Football Boots - https://charityboots.org Uniform swapping - https://www.climateeducation.co.uk/2024/09/02/how-to-set-up-a-school-uniform-swap-shop/
	Run a "Plastic Free Challenge" to see how long an individual/class can go without using single-use plastic.	Mrs N Watson	April 2026	
Adaptation and	External environment			



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resilience				
	Enhance the flower beds and gardens around the school so students take action to protect and preserve	Mrs N Watson	January 2026	The Woodland Trust - https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/act/your-school/
	View the scientific research on how local climates will change for your area.	Mrs N Watson	February 2026	https://lcat.uk/
Adaptation and resilience	Water			
	Run a campaign within your school. This could include posters or newsletters about conserving and not wasting water.	Mrs N Watson	May 2026	https://waterwise.org.uk/campaign/water-saving-week/
	Join in with Water Week	Mrs N Watson	May 2026	https://jointhepod.org/campaigns/water-week24
	Install a water butt to capture rainwater for school plants.	Mrs S Gerrard	April 2026	https://www.savewatersavemoney.co.uk/
	<p>Prepare the school for the physical impacts of climate change by installing water efficient fixtures</p> <p>Conduct a review/ audit of water fixtures. Identify possible areas of efficiency. Measures may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● low-flow taps 	Mrs S Gerrard	April 2026	<p>You may need help for the central estates team. Contact snel@msnpartnership.com or scoombs@msnpartnership.com</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dual flush toilets • rainwater harvesting <p>Train staff how to use and maintain</p>			
Biodiversity	Nature			
	Create a gardening club	Mrs N Watson	November 2025	
	Pupils to carry out wildlife surveys and habitat mapping in the school grounds. Join in the RSPB annual Big Bird Watch.	Mrs N Watson	January 2026	Big Bird Watch - https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/info
	Encourage pupils to grow plants and get involved in their maintenance and harvesting.	Mrs N Watson	January 2026	https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/school-gardening
Climate (green skills and careers)	Culture			
	Involve your school in Climate Action Countdown week - see links for Resources	Mrs N Watson	June 2026	Primary & Secondary Resources 📺 Climate Action Lead - Shared Resources
	Hold a film screening of David Attenborough's "Climate Change - The Facts"	Mrs N Watson	April 2026	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00049b1/climate-change-the-facts
	Join the UK Schools Sustainability Network Operations Group - UKSSN - to network with other schools to improve sustainability.	Mrs N Watson	April 2026	https://ops.ukssn.org/



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	Create a student climate action group or "Green" Club.	Mrs N Watson	October 2025	https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/the-ultimate-toolbox-for-starting-an-eco-club-in-school
	Visit the Green Careers Hub for advice on Green Careers	Mrs N Watson	November 2025	https://www.greencareershub.com/green-future/green-skills/
	Explore options for "eco-induction" scheme for new pupil intakes.	Mrs N Watson	June 2026	
	Monitor your impact - Establish a baseline and then collect data to demonstrate the impact you are having, and use this to tailor future strategies.	Mrs N Watson	June 2026	
Climate (green skills and careers)	Curriculum and Green Skills			
	Carry out a curriculum audit to incorporate sustainability.	Mrs N Watson	March 2026	https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/ https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/sustainable-futures/educators https://www.teachthefuture.uk
	Teacher materials: "Teach the Teacher" provides students with free training, resources and support so they can teach their teachers about climate change and how easy climate education can be.	Mrs N Watson	December 2025	https://www.sos-uk.org/project/teach-the-teacher
	Access the Climate Ambassadors Scheme to invite to school assembly on a topic of interest to your school	Mrs N Watson	December 2025	https://climateambassadors.org.uk/



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	Organise litter picking events on the school site or join in with community events.	Mrs N Watson	October 2025	
	Design and undertake pupil-led projects through the Green Schools Project	Mrs N Watson	January 2026	https://www.greenschoolsproject.org.uk/
	Engage with local decision-makers to advocate for more action from councils and governments. Invite your MP into school to meet with your student climate action group or "Green" Club. Attend local council meetings/MP surgery to find out what they are doing to address the climate crisis.	Mrs N Watson	February 2026	https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP