

# Cutting carbon at school: where do we start?



## 1. In school and the classroom

There are manysmall changes which can be made in school with a positive impact on the climate whilst reducing running costs. You can also start new projects, with funding from the Love Essex Fund.

### CASE STUDY

Pitsea School started a uniform bank which passes uniforms on to families who need them for free.

## 2. School buildings and energy

Management of energy, water and waste is vital in reducing carbon. Essex County Council has a team that can work with you to develop plans and access grants. Contact [lowcarbon@essex.gov.uk](mailto:lowcarbon@essex.gov.uk)

### CASE STUDY

In June 2021, St John's C of E Primary School in Danbury was fitted with solar panels as part of a grant funded pilot.

## 3. On the way to school

Use the Active Travel Toolkit for Schools and STARS; both help in planning how to get to and from school in a healthy and sustainable way.

### CASE STUDY

Woodville Primary School has been recognised with Platinum accreditation for its travel plan.

## 4. Outdoors

Grow your own vegetables, plant trees and teach children about gardening. Get outdoors and work to improve green infrastructure, to increase biodiversity, absorb carbon and prevent flood risk. See School Gardening for more inspiration!

### CASE STUDY

Essex Forest Initiative can provide funding and support to plant trees.

## 5. Framework for action

Create a climate action strategy to ensure climate change is incorporated throughout the curriculum. External organisations and initiatives, such as Eco Schools and Lets Go Zero, can support this.

For more information, check out the full Schools' Climate Advice Pack

