

### **Eco-Schools Environmental Review**



This review is a suggested format, designed to be an audit tool for the eco-committee to use in your school. The questions are labelled so that you can tell which will require investigation by the pupils, which you will need to ask a member of staff about and which may take a bit of research.

The Eco-Schools programme does not require that you complete all the suggestions in this document. It is designed to be a stimulus, so that you can use it to assess what happens in your school at the start of the programme and as a monitoring tool each year. It also might not include every possible idea that you could carry out, so please don't take the questions as exhaustive.

The questions should help committee members to think of actions that can be undertaken in the school to improve the environment and the school's impact on our planet. The chosen targets for the year/term should then be put into an action plan.

Please take the time to investigate each year as a lot can change over 12 months.

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Completed by: Eco Council and Classes

#### Key:

Pupils can find the answers themselves by looking carefully around the school.

Pupils may need to ask an adult to find the answers to these questions.

A little bit more investigation is required, maybe a survey or asking questions to other pupils.

This is a way of **measuring** the impact that you are having on the environment so you can show how much you are improving. This is an important part of being an Eco-School.







Are curtains or blinds fitted at the windows and closed at night?	Q	Yes	No
Are windows and doors always kept shut when the heating is on?	Q	Yes	No
Are reflector panels fitted behind radiators?	9	Yes	No
Does each classroom have a thermostat on the radiator so you can turn it down if too hot?	Q	Yes	No
Does each classroom have a thermometer so you can try and keep the temperature at 18 degrees centigrade?	Q	Yes	No
If there is a hot water boiler in the staff room, is it switched off when not in use?	?	Yes	No
Are hot water pipes and tanks properly insulated?	?	Yes	No
Is there insulation in the roof of the school building to reduce heat loss?	?	Yes	No
Are lights <b>always</b> turned off in empty rooms (even on sensor lights)?	Q	Yes	No
Are lights turned off as soon as there is enough daylight?	Q	Yes	No
Are light switches for lights next to windows labelled, so that they are left off during the day?	Q	Yes	No
If you have sensor lights, are they still turned off if not needed?	Q	Yes	No
Are sensor lights on a short enough timer?	Q	Yes	No
Are computers switched off when not in use?	Q	Yes	No
If computers are left on are the monitors turned off to save energy?	Q	Yes	No
Are overhead projectors, televisions and videos switched off at the socket when not in use?	Q	Yes	No
Are photocopiers and similar equipment switched off when not in use?	Q	Yes	No
In the staff room, is the kettle only filled with as much water is needed?	?	Yes	No
Does anyone in the school regularly check how much energy is used/saved?		Yes	No
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Has the school investigated possible sources of renewable energy?	?	Yes	No
If you have renewable energy, does everyone in school know that		Yes	No

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#### In your Community:

Have you undertaken a home energy audit to help families reduce energy use?		Yes	No
Do you share tips and ideas with the local community for reducing their energy footprint?	?	Yes	No
Have you looked into or are you part of any community energy programmes?		Yes	No

#### **Global Perspective:**

Is everyone aware of how saving energy helps our planet?		Yes	No
Do most pupils understand what Global Warming is and how we impact on our planet's climate?	?	Yes	No
Have pupils investigated the impacts of Climate Change on people globally?	2	Yes	No
Have you linked any of your energy actions to the Global Goals?	?	Yes	No

- Eco warriors to turn lights off when not in use
- find out how we measure the amount of energy being used.
- · Invite people in to help families save energy





## **Global Citizenship**

These questions supplement the Global Perspective questions that run throughout the rest of the review. You can consider those as well as the questions below when reviewing your overall Global Citizenship coverage.

Are all pupils aware of and have undertaken work projects linked to the Global Goals?  Do you link with pupils from another country to discuss environmental or global challenges?  Do the teachers have Fair Trade tea and coffee in the staffroom?  Are there any other Fair Trade products used in school? (fruit juice, footballs, bananas)  Do you take part in the Fair Trade Schools programme?  Are there games from other countries for pupils to use during break time or in class?  Do you have any visitors from the local community to talk about local or global issues?  Are pupils aware of their Rights and Responsibilities (linked to the UN convention on the Rights of the Child)?  Do you have resources from other countries e.g. Clothing to dress up / artefacts / musical instruments/books?  Do you have any whole school awareness days linked to international issues?  Do school meals ever include food from other cultures/countries?  Yes No No Have pupils learned about how other countries are becoming more sustainable or helping our planet?				
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#### **Action Points / Comments:**

Global Citizenship week to learn about different countries







Is there a water meter to record water use in school?	Q	Yes	No	
Does anyone check how much water is being used/saved?	?	Yes	No	
Is the school free from dripping taps?	Q	Yes	No .	
Do pupils always turn the taps off fully?	Q	Yes	No	sometime
Are the toilets designed to reduce water loss with a low-volume flush?	?	Yes	No	
If not, do you have water saving devices in the toilet cisterns? e.g. a Hippo bag or bottles filled with water	Q	Yes	No	
Do the urinals flush only on request or only during school hours rather than constantly?	?	Yes	No	e*
If you have push taps, do they dispense the right amount of water at the right speed?	9	Yes	No	194
Do you have a water butt to collect rainwater for watering plants?	Q	Yes	No	-
Is rain water collected and used for anything else around the school? e.g. Flushing toilets or maintaining pond levels	9	Yes	No	
Do pupils only fill their water bottles with as much as they need?	Q	Yes	No	,
Does your canteen always use the dishwasher/ washing machine fully -loaded?	?	Yes	No	not Sure
Does the canteen always put the plug in the sink when washing vegetables?	?	Yes	No }	1 -
Do pupils learn about why we need to save water in Wales and the process involved in getting clean water to our taps?	۵	Yes	No	water company to comin
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#### In your Community

Have pupils investigated the potential sources of water pollution?		Yes	No
Have pupils investigated how they can save water at home?		Yes	No
Have you investigated how to reduce the risk of flooding by reducing	12	Yes	No
rainwater run-off or increasing vegetation in your community?	(Specially)		



## Eco-Sgolion Global Perspective



Do you learn about issues surrounding the availability of water and	rº7	Yes	No	
sanitation in other countries?				
Do you learn about the need to protect the oceans, fish and all living	P	Yes	No	
creatures that live in them?	-			
Does the school have links with any national water based	2	Yes	No	
organisations, such as Water Aid?	•			
Have you investigated the 'hidden' water in food and products and	127	Yes	No.	
which things we consume use the most water globally?				1
Have you linked any of your water actions to the Global Goals?	2	Yes	No	not 9012
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## **Waste Minimisation**

Do you always follow the waste hierarchy by reducing before	2	Yes	No
reusing and recycling?	•		
Does anyone check how much waste you are preventing from		Yes	No
going to landfill sites?	EIEZZ		
If yes, what percentage of waste is being diverted from landfill by	EA	22	00
your school in the last year:	FIEAZ	/ '	11

#### Around the school - Reduce

Does the school use email to send newsletters?	?	Yes	No
If you send letters, is it one per family?	?	Yes	No
Do teachers photocopy back to back when they can?	9	Yes	No
Do pupils bring their packed lunch in reusable containers?	9	Yes	No
Does the school encourage pupils to use reusable drinks bottles?	?	Yes	No
Do teachers store documents electronically where practical?	?	Yes	No
Has the school surveyed food waste at lunch time?		Yes	No

#### Reuse

Is paper always used on both sides before it is recycled?	Q	Yes	No
Is scrap paper made into useful notebooks?	Q	Yes	No
Are envelopes reused in the office?	?	Yes	No
Are exercise books made from recycled paper?	?	Yes	No
Are the toilet paper and hand towels made from recycled paper?	?	Yes	No
Does the office and photocopier use recycled paper?	?	Yes	No
Do you have a swap shop for school uniform/games/books/DVDs?	Q	Yes	No
Do you have an upcycling programme in school or the local community?	الم	Yes	No





Which of the following do you recycle? (tick all that apply)		Q
Paper Plastic Cans Cardboard Cl	othing/Material	7
Batteries Phones Stamps Glasses	Cooked food	Protect
Ink Cartridges Waste Electrical Equipment	Pens•	
Do you have a compost bin/area that is in use?	Yes	No
Is the compost made up of a mix of 'wet' and 'dry' materials?	Q Yes	No
Does the kitchen recycle their waste?	Q Yes	No
Are there enough recycling bins around the school?	Yes	No
Do the recycling bins always have the right things in them?	Q Yes	No
Do you actively look at reducing your recycling as well as your general waste through reducing and reusing?	Yes	No
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In your Community		
Has the school explored how well local shops/businesses reduce/reuse/recycle?	Yes	No
Has the school run any project to help families reduce, reuse and recycle at home?	Yes	No
Global Perspective		
Does everyone in the school know why you are trying to reduce waste?	Yes	No
Do people in the school know what happens to things we recycle?	Yes	No
Have classes looked at the way people in other countries reduce, reuse and recycle?	Yes	No
Have you linked any of your waste actions to the Global Goals?	Yes	No
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Are there games painted on the playground?	Q	Yes	No
Are there murals, mosaics, sculptures or other artwork?	Q	Yes	No
Are there lots of different surfaces to feel, touch and explore?	Q	Yes	No .
Are there plenty of things for climbing and balancing on, jumping and swinging from?	Q	Yes	No
Are there quiet, shady places to sit and talk?	Q	Yes	No
Do you grow your own vegetables or fruit in the school grounds?	Q	Yes	No
Does the school recycle garden or fruit/vegetable waste in a composter or wormery?	Q	Yes	No
Do you have an outdoor classroom/log circle area?	Q	Yes	No
Do you have friendship stops or buddy benches?	Q	Yes	No
Is outdoor learning a priority across the year groups?		Yes	No
Do all pupils have the opportunity to suggest what changes or new things they would like in the school grounds?	?	Yes	No
In your Community			
Do parents and members of the wider school community help with	۲۹	Yes	No
improvements to the school grounds?			
Do you support a local park/ green space / allotment?	Ů	Yes	No
Global Perspective			
Are there games from other countries for pupils to play?	Q	Yes	No
If using compost, do you always use peat-free compost?	?	Yes	No
Are sustainable products used for the outside furniture and play	?	Yes	No
equipment? For example picnic benches that are made from recycled plastic, planters that are made from recycled items and wooden items made from FSC certified timber.			



Have you linked any of your school grounds actions to the Global Goals?



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Does your school provide any of the following for wildlife?	.Q	Yes	No
Trees			
Hedgerow			
Pollinator friendly native plants			
A pond			
A marshy / bog area			
A native wild flower area	85		
Log Piles			
Stone Piles	V)		
Uncut 'wild' areas			
Bird boxes			
Water baths	*		
Perching posts			
Bird feeders			
Bat boxes			
Bug hotel			
Hedgehog home			
Berry / nut bearing plants			
Butterfly friendly native plants			
Reptile Hibernacula			
Are the school grounds free from herbicides and pesticides?	?	Yes	No
If present do you avoid cutting trees/ brambles during bird nesting	2	Yes	No

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	Do pupils regularly have the opportunity to observe and/or	2	Yes	No
	experience nature and wildlife in different ways in the school			
	grounds?			
	Are there interpretive boards / information available regarding the	0	Yes	No
	wildlife?	4	•	
	Do you keep a record of the wildlife spotted in your grounds?		Yes	No
	Have you checked your school grounds for any invasive species?	?	Yes	No
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	Around your Community			
	Do you visit any local sites outside of school to observe / experience	2	Yes	No
	nature and wildlife?	0		
	Have you helped improve the biodiversity at a local site outside of	?	Yes	No
	school?	0		
	Are pupils aware of the loss of biodiversity on a local level?	?	Yes	No
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	Have you participated in a national wildlife survey? For example the		Yes	No
	RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch or the Big Butterfly Count.	EEZ		
	Are students aware of the loss of biodiversity on a global level?	?	Yes	No
_	Have you done anything to prevent biodiversity loss on a global scale?	2	Yes	No
	For example investigated sustainable palm oil production or worked with Size of Wales.	0		
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Does the school have a clear policy on litter?	?	Yes	No
Around your school	•		e U
Is the inside of the school free from litter?	Q	Yes	No
Are the school grounds free from litter?	Q	Yes	No
Are there enough bins around the school grounds?	Q	Yes	No
Are the bins in the right places?	Q	Yes	No
Are the bins suitable? E.g. does the litter blow out or are they too small/big?	Q	Yes	No
If litter is present, is it coming from pupils in school or from outside the school grounds?	9	School	Outside
If there are problem areas, where are they?			
What types of litter do you primarily find? (gum, bottles, crisp packets etc)	ů		
Do you keep a record of what, where, when and amount of litter found?		Yes	No
In your Community			
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Is the area around your school litter free?	Q	Yes	No
s your community generally litter free?	Q	Yes	No
Are there enough bins in the community?	Q	Yes	No
Does the school help to keep the community clean?	?	Yes	No
If there are problem areas, where are they?	Ů	8	

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### **Global Perspective**

Do all pupils know the problems caused to the environment and wildlife by dropping litter?		Yes	No.
Have you investigated how your litter impacts on the marine environment?	?	Yes	No
Have you investigated litter problems or solutions from other countries?	?	Yes	No
Have you linked any of your litter actions to the Global Goals?	?	Yes	No

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## **Transport**

#### Around your school

Do most pupils walk, cycle, scoot or catch the bus to school?	· All All All All All All All All All Al	Yes	No
Do you survey how people travel to school?	9	Yes	No
Is there somewhere dry and safe to store bikes?	Q	Yes	No
Does the school provide cycle instruction for pupils?	?	Yes	No
Do you hold regular walk or cycle to school events/days?	?	Yes	No
Is it safe to walk or cycle to school?	9	Yes	No
Do cars park legally away from the entrance to the school?	0	Yes	No
Is the school car park a safe place for pedestrians?	9	Yes	No
Do the teachers share lifts wherever possible?	[]	Yes	No
Where cars are used do they bring more than 1 person to school?	۵	Yes	No
If pupils are collected in cars, do the drivers make sure that they turn their engine off when waiting?	<u> </u>	Yes	No
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If pupils are dropped off/collected by bus do buses make sure that they turn their engine off when waiting?	Q	Yes	No
Do any school vehicles use alternative energy e.g. Electricity or vegetable oil?	?	Yes	No

### **Around your Community**

Do you try to source fruit for tuck locally and in season?	?	Yes	No
Does the kitchen try to source food locally?	?	Yes	No
Does the school order supplies in bulk to avoid too many deliveries?	?	Yes	No
Has the school run any projects to help families reduce car use?		Yes	No







Do you learn about about food production and food miles?		Yes	No
Have pupils looked at the global impact of air pollution?		Yes	No
Has the school investigated methods of transportation in other countries?	Ď.	Yes	No
Have you linked any of your transport actions to the Global Goals?	?	Yes	No
Percentage of pupils and staff currently not travelling by car:			4

Share cars	
Walk/Bike   Scotter to school	·





# Health, Wellbeing and Food

#### Around your school

Do you have a fruit tuck shop that is run by pupils?	Q	Yes	No
Are pupils encouraged to bring fruit for break?	Q'	Yes	No
Do most pupils who bring a packed lunch have at least 2 pieces of fruit or vegetables?		Yes	No
Does the school canteen always have a healthy option?	Q	Yes	No
Does the school canteen avoid chips for at least 3 days a week?	Q	Yes	No
Do pupils have the opportunity to suggest what they would like to include in the dinner/canteen menu?	?	Yes	No
Is there free drinking water available all day?	Q	Yes	No
Are pupils allowed to have water during lesson times?	Q	Yes	No
Do you link your Healthy Schools and Eco Schools targets together?	?	Yes	No
Do all pupils get to experience growing and then eating their own food?		Yes	No
Does the school use environmentally friendly cleaning products?	?	Yes	No
Is there a fitness programme established in the school?	?	Yes	No
Do pupuils have an opportunity to care for and look after animals in school?	Q	Yes	No
Have measures been put in place to help with staff wellbeing?	?	Yes	No
Are pupils given the opportunity to take part in any activities to help pupil wellbeing? E.g mindfullness, tai chi, active dance classes.	۵	Yes	No
Does the school provide a peer mentoring or buddy scheme?	Q	Yes	No

#### **Around your Community**

Do pupils visit shops/restaurants in the local community to learn about	[7	Yes	No
food production or invite them in to school?	Marine.		-
Are pupils involved with any wellbeing based projects in the	ran	Yes	No
community, such as visiting nursing homes?			



Do you support local farmers by sourcing food locally and organic where possible?

Yes No

#### **Global Perspective**

Do pupils learn about the global impact of food production in class? E.g palm oil, sugar production	Yes	No
Have pupils investigated food cultures from around the world?	Yes	No
Have you looked at introducing a meat free day to reduce the school's carbon footprint?	Yes	No
Have you linked any of your health, wellbeing and food actions to the Global Goals?	Yes	No

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