

# Partnering for the planet

## Secondary lesson plan – teacher guidance

Below are some actions/pledges that you could use.

### Individual

- Encourage our parents to turn the thermostat down by 1oC. Not only will it save it on electricity bills, but it will also prevent fossil fuel consumption which is still the main fuel source for Britain's energy.
- Walk or cycle to school – this stops CO2 and other greenhouse gases being emitted from cars.
- Don't waste food (make sure we finish the food on our plates) and make sure it goes into the food waste bin. If everyone saved the food from their plate it could have the same impact as taking one in four cars off the road.
- Turn off lights, TVs and other electrical appliances at home when we are not using them.
- Can you use household cleaning products which can be refilled rather than disposed of after use.
- Are the more environmentally friendly/ natural alternatives to the cleaning products you use?
- Reducing single use plastic consumption.
- If you bring a packed lunch, think about the packaging.

- Make sure you are putting recycling into your recycling bins at home. Less energy is required in the manufacturing of products using recyclable raw materials and fewer materials are incinerated saving further carbon emissions. Less waste is sent to landfills meaning a decrease in greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

### Tutor group

- Don't waste paper – paper comes from trees and trees absorb carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) from the atmosphere. It also uses a huge amount of energy to make that paper.
- Switch our main web browser from Google to Ecosia. Ecosia uses its profits to plant trees.
- Have a 'no electricity' day.
- Tutor group assembly to year year/house to inform other students about what they could do and raise awareness across the whole school.
- Have Energy Monitors to switch off computers / lights / white boards over break time
- Plant a tree, or several!

## School

- Email reports and letters unless parents ask for it to be printed out – this reduces paper use.
- Decrease schools' meat consumption, e.g. Meat Free Monday and if using beef, only have it on the menu once a week.
- Use locally sourced seasonal / organic food. This reduces our carbon footprint by reducing food miles.
- Replace strip lights with LED over time – they may be more expensive, but they last longer.
- Use environmentally friendly glue and masking tape, instead of clear sticky tape.
- Invest in solar energy panels (and have less energy expenditure!).
- Audit the school energy usage.
- Does the school heating system use thermostats – audit whether rooms are too hot.