

Walthamstow Montessori School Climate Action Plan

For Children Aged 2–5

1. Our Vision

We want our school to be a place where children, families and staff work together to care for the Earth. Our aim is to:

- Teach children to love nature and look after it
- Reduce our school's impact on the environment
- Support the Government's climate and sustainability goals for education

This plan follows the Department for Education guidance that all early years settings should have a Sustainability Lead and a Climate Action Plan.

2. Our Sustainability Lead

- **Name/Role:** Lorna Mahoney
 - **Responsibilities:**
 - Oversee this climate action plan
 - Support staff with activities
 - Share updates with families
 - Review progress each term
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3. Our Climate Action Areas

A. Learning About Nature and Climate

Aim:

Help children understand nature and how to care for it through play and daily routines.

Action	Who	When	How We Will Know It's Working
Weekly nature walks and outdoor exploration	Staff & children	Weekly	Children talk about plants, bugs, weather
Story time about nature and caring for Earth.	Staff	Weekly	Children repeat ideas like "look after plants"
Plant flowers, herbs or vegetables	Staff & children	Termly	Plants growing, children watering
Weather and seasons board	Staff	Ongoing	Children point to weather and talk about seasons

B. Biodiversity and Outdoor Spaces

Aim:

Create a school environment that supports wildlife and connects children with nature.

Action	Who	When	Success Looks Like
Create a small garden or planting area	Staff, children, families	Termly	Flowers, herbs or veg growing
Make bug hotels and bird feeders	Staff & children	Once per year	Bugs and birds visiting
Create mini habitats (logs, leaves, water bowls)	Staff	Ongoing	Children observe insects and birds

C. Everyday Sustainable Habits

Aim:

Make eco-friendly habits part of daily school life.

Action	Who	When	Success Looks Like
			Children use correct bins.
Recycling bins for paper, plastic and food waste	Staff	Ongoing	Have two bins in the main hall; recycling and waste.
Teach children to turn off taps	Staff & children	Daily	Less water wasted
Turn off lights and unplug devices	Staff	Daily	Lights off in empty rooms
Use reusable plates, cups and cloth towels	School	Ongoing	Less single-use waste

D. Working With Families and Community

Aim:

Involve parents, carers and the wider community in climate action.

Action	Who	When	Success Looks Like
Share climate updates in newsletters	Sustainability Lead	Monthly	Families give feedback
Share eco-tips for home	Staff	Monthly	Families try ideas at home
Family nature days or planting days	School & families	Yearly	Good attendance and photos
Display children's eco-work	Staff	Ongoing	Children proud of their work

E. Monitoring and Reviewing

Aim:

Check progress and celebrate success.

Action	Who	When	Success Looks Like
Review action plan	Sustainability Lead	Termly	Updates made if needed
Take photos of activities	Staff	Ongoing	Display boards updated
Share successes with families	Sustainability Lead	Termly	Families feel involved

4. Government Links

Our school supports national education and climate goals, including:

- Department for Education requirement for all education settings to have:
 - A Sustainability Lead
 - A Climate Action Plan by 2025
 - National Education Nature Park – encouraging schools and nurseries to support nature
 - Climate Ambassadors Programme – free support for sustainability in education
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5. Our Promise

As a school community, we promise to:

- Teach children to care for the world around them
- Reduce waste and save energy and water
- Support wildlife and nature
- Work together with families
- Keep improving every year

Small actions every day help build a better future for our children and our planet.

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