

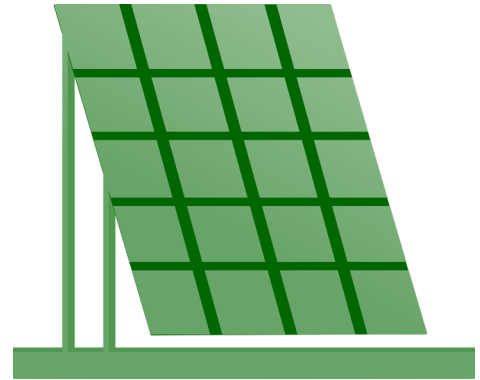
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Energy Efficiency Actions

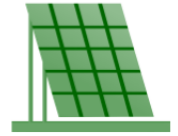
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Information Sheet

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The educational resources on the ECO₂ Smart Schools Website can help you plan and deliver engaging learning experiences in different curriculum areas, centered around energy and sustainability

⇒ **Required Evidence:** Two lesson plans from each class

The eco-group should develop and lead an energy saving initiative in school

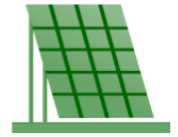
Use your eco-group's creative power to develop an energy saving initiative! This could be a whole school event, such as a no-electricity day, or an award scheme to celebrate the most energy efficient classes. If you would like some support, your ECO₂ Smart Schools Officer can come in and work with your eco-group to develop an energy saving initiative.

⇒ **Required Evidence:** A plan for the energy saving initiative

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Staff

All teaching staff should attend a review meeting to discuss incorporating learning about energy, climate change and sustainability into curriculum planning

It is important that children and young people get the opportunity to explore energy, climate change and sustainability across the curriculum. Have a meeting with all the teaching staff to develop some creative and practical ways to incorporate these.

⇒ **Required Evidence:** Minutes from the meeting with subsequent action points.

Whole School and Wider Community

Report back to the Governors on energy savings made

ECO₂ Smart Environment Resources contains educational materials which can help you to feel confident discussing energy and sustainability, and using appropriate terminology.

⇒ **Required Evidence:** Minutes from that portion of the meeting.

Take the energy saving message into the wider community

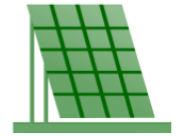
This could be through running a PTA event in the local community, such as having an energy saving information stall at a summer fair. Or you could also arrange for a group of children to visit a local community building and teach the residents or workers about energy saving and why it is important.

⇒ **Required Evidence:** An event plan and a selection of photographs of the event taking place.

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Energy Efficiency

Review initial audit actions

Review your progress against the actions you developed from your original audit (carried out in Level 1: Energy Efficient Light Bulb) or the most recent audit you have undertaken.

⇒ **Required Evidence:** A summary of your progress against each action

Carry out another audit and use it to create an action plan

Your ECO₂ Smart Schools Officer can support you to carry out another audit of your school and develop subsequent action points.

⇒ **Required Evidence:** A scanned copy of the initial audit and subsequent action plan

All evidence should be sent to your ECO₂ Smart Schools Officer who will monitor your progress and support throughout the award.

Upon completion of Level 3: Solar Panel Award your school will receive a certificate which recognises that you are a leading school in energy efficiency and sustainability.