

# First Steps Checklist



## Get To Know Your ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Schools Officer

At OASES, as part of our ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Schools programme, we offer year-round support to help you educate, save money, reduce your environmental impact and become an Energy Smart school. If you would like to register for some in-school support this year or find out more about how we can help you, please contact your ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Schools Officer. If you don't know your ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Schools Officer, please get in touch with us.

## Become a Member

As a member you can access more resources and support to help you make savings and become an Energy Smart School. You can also get involved in our ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Schools Award Scheme.

## Learn More About Why It Is Important To Save Energy

The national Carbon Reduction Commitment sets out a 30% carbon reduction target by 2020. Durham County Council has taken this a step further to set a 40% carbon reduction target by 2020. As well as contributing towards achieving these targets, saving energy can also help cut energy costs for your school. More information about this and other reasons to save energy can be found in 'ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Environment Resources.'

## Read Your School Energy Report

Each financial year your ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Schools Officer sends you an energy report. This examines your energy usage, details your annual energy costs and recommends specific ways in which your school can make savings.

## Develop a School Energy Policy

Why not use our school energy policy template to help you get started? This can be found in 'ECO<sub>2</sub> Smart Savings Resources.'