

Eco Committees, Codes and National Schemes

As part of Heart for the Earth there are a number of practical initiatives that schools might wish to consider alongside the resources provided.

- If not already established, why not form an Eco-Committee who would lead the school community in this area of ongoing work? This could be a sub-group of any existing school council and would give pupil voice and ownership of any initiatives.
- Why not create a school Eco-Code or Pledge? This can be adapted to suit each individual school as every school has a different geographical situation, site and is at a different stage of development in this area. Having such a pledge or code will help to embed any initiatives into the whole school ethos, hopefully making a lasting difference. An example of a eco-pledge can be found below.
- Thirdly, there are some national schemes which we would ask schools to consider joining:
 - Eco Schools (www.eco-schools.org.uk) is part of Keep Britain Tidy and is a framework which allows schools to work through a seven step process (which includes both the establishment of a committee and developing an Eco Code) after which a school can apply for Green Flag Status.
 - Let's Go Zero (www.letsgozero.org) is run by Ashden and is a national campaign aiming to show the commitment of schools to become carbon neutral. They provide online tools to help schools plan next steps in becoming net zero.

Our Eco Code

We love our school, the wider community and the environment and in order to protect and enhance the world we live in:

We will recycle paper, glass, cans, clothes, batteries and mobile phones.



We will help save energy and turn off lights, projectors and laptops when leaving a room.



We will save water by turning off taps.



We will put all litter in bins.



We will only eat healthy snacks at playtimes and encourage healthy lunchboxes at lunchtime.



We will compost our left over food.



We will look after and nurture our garden, wildlife and outdoor space



We will work with outside organisations to help look after our planet.



This is our pledge.

