

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

School actions for a Greener Future

At Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School, we believe that even small steps can make a big difference. As a small rural primary school in Oxfordshire with under 100 pupils, we're committed to looking after our environment and helping our children understand how to care for the world around them.

Here's our simple and practical plan to become a more sustainable school

Saving Energy

- Turning off lights, computers, and screens when not in use.
- Class "Energy Monitors" will help remind us daily.
- Using natural light and fresh air where possible.

How you can help: Encourage switching off lights, TVs, and devices at home.

Reducing Waste

- Cutting down on single-use plastics in packed lunches.
- Introducing recycling bins for paper, card, and plastics.
- Reusing scrap paper for notes and drawings – all classes to have a scrap paper drawer
- Using reusable water bottles, containers, and cutlery at lunch times.



Growing and Eating Sustainably

- Planting and caring for school vegetable/flower gardens.
- Learning about where our food comes from.
- Composting snack peelings and garden waste – Classes/shared areas to have a food waste bin



Greener Travel

- Encouraging walking, cycling, use of school bus or car-sharing.
- Taking part in Walk to School Week and travel challenges.



Learning About Sustainability

- Including nature, climate, and sustainability in lessons and assemblies (WMAT curriculum, Assemblies schedules & visitors)
- Taking part in outdoor learning, litter picks, and wildlife activities (RSPB, Bees)

- Celebrating events like Earth Day and Great Big Green Week, Ocean day
- National Education Nature Park engagement as a school (all teachers signed up)
- Each class will keep an Impact folder to collate and record WMAT and extra-curricular learning linked to sustainability and Global learning (GL lead – Lauren Davies)

Eco-Team/School Council

- A small team of pupils will help lead our sustainability efforts.
- Meet termly to plan and lead school initiatives supported by JOS/RB

Working With the Community

- Connecting with local groups eg Scouts, Cherwell council, Applefest committee, Wild Oxfordshire.
- Welcoming parent groups for gardening and eco-projects.

 **Let's grow a greener future together!**