





What is Eco-Schools?

In our experience, young people care deeply about environmental issues and have a strong desire to actively protect our planet.

However, environmental issues such as climate change,

biodiversity-loss or plastic pollution are huge global issues and the thought of tackling them can be intimidating, leaving many feeling

overwhelmed and wondering 'Where do I begin?'



The Eco-Schools programme provides a simple, seven-step framework that answers this question whilst empowering young people to make a difference in their school, local community and beyond. Since 1994, millions of young people around the world have worked through the Eco-Schools Seven Steps before being recognised for their efforts with a prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag.

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Schools connect their activities to three or more of the Ten Eco-Schools Topics. These topics break large, global issues like climate change into more manageable and directed themes that prompt young people to consider environmental changes that they can make in their school and everyday lives.

The Eco-Schools Green Flag

Understanding the Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation

Applying for Eco-Schools accreditation is the perfect way to acknowledge, reward and celebrate the ecological achievements of young people. It clearly demonstrates that their hard work is appreciated, and it provides them with the confidence and motivation needed to continue actively engaging with environmental issues throughout their lifetimes.

Finally, it also tells local communities that a school, college or nursery is forward-thinking and promotes youth-led environmental education and action.

The Benefits

A Selection of environmental statistics from Eco-Schools' Applications in 2021-2022

The Eco-Schools Team is delighted to share 10 environmental statistics highlighting and celebrating the positive impacts that young people participating in the Eco-Schools programme created during 2021-2022:

37,865 trees planted

1,214,917.3 m2 of natural habitats created and maintained 86,382 young people participated in an energy-free day £638,643 raised for charity

40,764 young people involved in growing fruit, vegetables and herbs 96,580 young people completed a litter-pick collecting 25,438.5 bags of litter

6063 walk, cycle and scoot to school days planned 3669 second-hand sales or swaps organised 2,264,215.75 kg of waste diverted from landfill £336,131.86 saved on school energy bills

The Benefits - Pupil Statistics

A Selection of pupil statistics from Eco-Schools' Applications in 2021-2022

1,478,364 number of young people attending a school, college or nursery that participated in the Eco-Schools programme

49,228 number of young Eco-Committee members

23,746 number of Eco-Committee meetings held

623,503 number of young people taught an Eco-Schools environmental curriculum link 95.7% of Eco-Coordinators agree that the Eco-Schools programme helped to expand environmental education in their setting

98% of Eco-Coordinators agree that being on an Eco-Committee increased pupil confidence

97.6% of Eco-Coordinators agree that being on an Eco-Committee helped to develop teamwork skills

93.6% of Eco-Coordinators agree that being on an Eco-Committee helped to develop leadership skills

