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Southroyd and Climate Change

In conjunction with Leeds City Council and Children's Wellbeing, Southroyd is committed to the **Southroyd Climate Action Route Map**, to work with children and communities to plan for and manage sustainable practice in support of the minimisation of climate change.

School is currently developing its Climate Action Route Map (CARM) which will be presented on this page.

The first aim of the CARM is to communicate the facts regarding climate change, hence the notes on this page directly from **Leeds City Council** in conjunction with Leeds Children's Wellbeing.

The Aims of the CARM

1. To communicate with parents and the community about Climate Change
2. To review the coverage of climate change within the school curriculum.
3. To refine processes on the school site to minimize the effects of



So what is Climate Change?
(from Leeds City Council)

The debate over the causes of climate change has a long and turbulent history which continues to this day.

Overwhelmingly, however, the scientific community acknowledges the impact of human activity on the environment and evidence is clear that, unless the world takes urgent action to limit carbon emissions within this decade, average global temperatures will rise above 1.5°C with catastrophic consequences.

Recent instances of direct action across the world provide both a spotlight on, and reflection of, a heightened sense of anxiety.

In response to the landmark United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C warning that, unless urgent action is taken, the opportunity to avoid the worst effects of climate change will be missed, Leeds City Council declared a climate emergency at full Council (March 2019). This marked an important turning point for the Council and the city to put sustainability, biodiversity and the reduction of carbon emissions firmly centre-stage.

Importantly, there was complete political consensus that we are in an emergency situation - the climate is changing and the impact of the increased regularity of extreme weather events is being keenly felt. The UK government has set a target for carbon neutrality by 2050, the vast bulk of the reduction will need to be achieved this decade - a 50% reduction by 2025 and 85% by 2030. Leeds City Council is focussed on 2030 and working towards achieving carbon neutrality by that date. To meet this a significant reduction in carbon emissions is required through action in key areas such as energy, buildings, transport, food, waste, tree planting,

Southroyd Climate Action Route Map: Action Plan

Action	Date	Staff Involved	Notes	Impact
Communication and launch of School Route Map	Nov 1 st	DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch CARM in social media, website and newsletter during COP26 event Website page prepared as: https://www.pudseysouthroyd.leeds.sch.uk/school-information/southroyd-and-climate-change Share aims using website and additional page on newsletter Link facebook, Twitter, App to CARM aims 	
Widening of participation				
1. Pupil voice participation	Nov 1 st	DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using class and school council launched on 1st November, (meeting on 5th November) Class council and big talk focus "What can we do to limit the effects of climate change?" School council to complete the audit of school impacts on climate change (Eco-Team Meeting 1) 	
2. Eco-Monitors (School Council)	Nov 15 th	DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As elected the eco-monitors to meet DHT and determine plan for classroom monitoring (Eco-Team Meeting 2) Additional Eco-Monitor meeting to plan purposes of monitoring visits Use budgetary information to elude expenses of energy and resources in school Eco-Monitors to meet site super-intendent, Governor and Business Manager to plan for energy and spending monitoring 	
3. Parents	March 2022	DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To survey parents during COP26 week and expand concepts of home pledges towards climate change reduction 	
4. Governors	Autumn 1	DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach governing body and establish a link for Climate Change governor Governing body representative to meet with Eco-Monitors 	
5. Supporting Staff	Nov 1 st	All staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use survey to establish staff attitudes towards climate change during COP26 week. Linked to launch of COP26 assembly on return from half term. Use survey to establish for interest in staff to work with "working party" linked to CARM. 	
Curriculum Application				
1. Auditing the climate change linked objectives	Sept 11 th	DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To audit the curriculum objectives related to climate change and present to staff prior to climate change week in March. To establish links across science, geography and PSHE 	
2. Climate Change Week / Earth Day	March 2022	All staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To focus on climate change as routine annual focus, linked to related literacy, tied to Earth Day 2022. To make use of international links to experience the feeling of global action. To ensure maximum links to climate change curriculum objectives To maximise the reporting and sharing with parents To action all the focus achieved since launch of CARM on COP26 week 	
3. International Links	Nov 1 st March 2022	DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share concepts of COP26 with Bachpan school and use of School Council/Eco Monitors To share thoughts and pledges during climate change week with Bachpan school. 	