

Eco-Schools Simple Environmental Review

This review has been designed as a way for infant pupils to find out what is happening in their school to help the environment and provide ideas that they could carry out to make their school more Eco-Friendly.

The review can be used on its own or alongside the more in-depth general review document, which may be useful for the adults on the committee. You don't need to have a smile for everything; it is just a way to help you with some ideas.

The committee should then use the results to choose some actions to focus on for the year, putting these into an action plan. Remember to think about how you will be able to tell if you are making a difference.

Date completed: _____

Completed by: _____

Key:



Pupils can find the answers themselves by looking carefully around the school.
Pupils may need to ask an adult to find the answers to some of these questions.



A little bit more investigation is required, maybe a survey or asking questions to other pupils.












This is a way of measuring the impact that you are having on the environment so you can show how much you are improving. This is an important part of being an Eco-School.

Waste




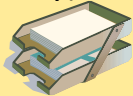




Around the School

Reduce

Do most children bring their lunch in containers that they can use again?  	Yes	No
Do the teachers photocopy on both sides of the paper when they can?  	Yes	No
Do your parents get emails or texts from the school instead of printed letters?  	Yes	No
Do children in the school use plastic straws to drink their milk?  	No	Yes
Do you pour your milk into cups from big bottles to drink?  	Yes	No



Reuse

Do all children use both sides of the paper before it goes in the recycling bin? (maybe you have a scrap paper tray)  	Yes	No
Do you reuse old cereal boxes and packets to make junk models in the classroom?  	Yes	No
Do you have a swap shop or jumble sale for school uniform, games, DVDs or books?  	Yes	No

Recycle

Which of these things do you recycle in school?



Batteries



Cans



Plastic



Clothes



Paper



Cardboard



Phones



Stamps



Glasses











Cooked food



Ink
Cartridges



Pens

Does the school recycle everything that it can? 		Yes	No
Does the school have a compost bin? 		Yes	No
Do you use recycled toilet paper and recycled paper towels in school? 		Yes	No
Do the recycling bins always have the right things in them? 		Yes	No

In your community





Has the school run projects to help your families reduce, re-use and recycle more at home?



Yes

No

In Our World










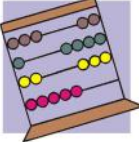
<p>Do you know what happens to the things that you send to be recycled?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you know what happens to the things you put in the rubbish bin?</p>  	Yes	No

If you have any sad face answers, what could you do to make them happy faces?









Litter

Around the school

Can you find litter on the floor inside the school? 		No	Yes
Can you find litter on the ground on the playground or field? 		No	Yes
At playtime, do all the children put their litter in the bin? 		Yes	No
Are any of the bins too full? 		No	Yes
If you do litter picks, do you count how many pieces you collect to see if it is getting less? 		Yes	No

In your community

Can you find litter on the floor on your way to school? 		No	Yes
Are there enough bins between where you live and the school? 		Yes	No
Does your class or school ever go out to pick up litter in your community? 		Yes	No










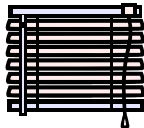

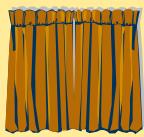


In our World

<p>Do you all know why it is bad to drop litter?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do all children know how our litter is affecting sea creatures around the World?</p>  	Yes	No

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Energy

<p>Are the lights always turned off when the classroom is empty?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>If you are in the classroom and it is sunny, do the lights get turned off?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Are the computer screens and projectors always turned off when they are not being used?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you check all the classrooms to make sure the lights, projectors and computers have been turned off at lunch time or break time?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do the windows have curtains or blinds to keep the heat in at night?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Does someone always close the curtains or blinds at the end of the day?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you make sure that the doors and windows are closed when the heating is on?</p>  	Yes	No

In your community

<p>Have you done a home energy survey to help families to use less energy?</p> <div data-bbox="165 412 271 504" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="916 378 1053 508" data-label="Image"> </div>	Yes	No
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In our World

<p>Do children understand that our World is getting warmer and that saving energy can help stop this happening?</p> <div data-bbox="165 857 233 947" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="956 857 1053 954" data-label="Image"> </div>	Yes	No
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Water







In your school

Are there any dripping taps around the school? 		No	Yes
Do any of the children leave the taps running? 		No	Yes
Do you have anything in the toilet to save water when you flush? (a hippo bag or plastic bottle filled with water) 		Yes	No
Do you have a big container (water butt) outside to collect the rain water? 		Yes	No
If you have water bottles, do all the children only fill them with as much as they need? 		Yes	No

In your community

Have you investigated how you can save water at home? 		Yes	No
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In our World

Do you know why it is important to save water and how it helps our planet? 		Yes	No
Have you investigated how children in other countries get water? 		Yes	No













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Transport




In your school

<p>Is it safe to walk or cycle to school?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you count how many people walk or cycle to school?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you have a walking bus or special days when lots of people walk, cycle or scoot to school?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Are there lots of cars parked in front of the school at the start and end of the day?</p>  	No	Yes
<p>If children are collected in cars or picked up by bus do the drivers turn their engine off when waiting?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do all the children know how to cross the road safely?</p>  	Yes	No

In your community

<p>Has the school run any projects to encourage families to use the car less at weekends?</p>  	Yes	No
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In our World

Do all children know why it's important that we walk, ride or scoot to school when we can instead of using the car? 	Yes	No
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Health, Wellbeing and Food









In your school

<p>Do you have fruit every day at break time?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do children who have packed lunch bring 2 pieces of fruit or vegetables?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Can you have salad with your school dinner?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Can you have water to drink when you are in the classroom?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do children grow any fruit or vegetables in the school and then cook and eat them?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you do some running, jumping or dancing with your teacher or class every day?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do children have the opportunity to look after and care for animals in their school?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>If you are feeling sad is there always somebody to talk to?</p>  	Yes	No

<p>Do children visit local shops, allotments or farms to learn about our food and where it comes from?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Are children involved in projects in the local community like visiting nursing homes?</p>  	Yes	No

In our World

<p>When your kitchen staff cook fish, does the packet have this symbol?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Are the fruits in your tuck shop grown locally and in season?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>If you have ice cream with school dinners does it include the ingredient palm oil?</p>  	No	Yes

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Global Citizenship



These questions supplement the ones under the 'Our World' heading in each of the other topics. You can include all of them when looking at Global Citizenship coverage.






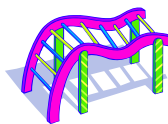




<p>Do you have any clothes that children in other countries wear to dress up in?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you listen to stories about children, animals or people from different countries?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you ever eat food in school that people in other countries eat?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you all know what this symbol means?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do the teachers drink Fairtrade tea and coffee?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Have you learnt about the Global Goals?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you learn about the Rights of a Child?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you hold regular days of action to help other people, places or animals?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you collect for a local food bank?</p>  	Yes	No

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School Grounds

Around the school

<p>Are there games painted on the playground?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do the walls around the outside of the school look bright and colourful?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Are there things to balance, climb and play on in the playground?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Is there a friendship stop or a buddy bench in the playground?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you sometimes have lessons outdoors?</p>  	Yes	No

In your community

<p>Do parents and grandparents sometimes help in the school grounds?</p>  	Yes	No
<p>Do you sometimes help in a local park or allotment?</p>  	Yes	No

In our world

Do you sometimes play games from different parts of the world?



Yes

No










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Biodiversity



Around the school

Which of the following do you have in your school?





<p>Log pile</p> 	<p>Stone pile</p> 	<p>Wild areas</p> 
<p>Butterfly bushes</p> 	<p>Flowers/herbs</p> 	<p>Minibeast hotel</p> 
<p>Pond</p> 	<p>Trees</p> 	<p>Hedge</p> 
<p>Bird house</p> 	<p>Hedgehog house</p> 	<p>Bird feeders</p> 

<p>Do you draw, write down or photograph the different plants and animals that you find in the school?</p>  	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
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In your community

<p>Do you visit any places outside of school to spot wildlife?</p>  	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
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In our world

<p>Have you joined with a national wildlife survey? For example the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch.</p> <div data-bbox="164 383 300 499">  </div> <div data-bbox="900 356 1062 499">  </div>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Have you learnt about endangered wildlife from around the world?</p> <div data-bbox="173 613 260 728">  </div> <div data-bbox="866 595 1048 689">  </div>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>

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