

EDUCATE REDUCE RECYCLE REUSE RE-WILD BREATHE PLAN



Our sustainability strategy has been informed by our Student Eco Council and the Greater Manchester environmental strategy. We wish to play an active role in raising awareness and in taking action to make positive changes for all of our global futures. We will actively support change in our community and work to enable the ambition of Manchester to become one of the Greenest Cities in Europe.

The aim of our Sustainability Strategy is:

- 1. To **educate** all members of our school community about the need for environmental and sustainability practices, ensuring that all can make a positive impact on environmental sustainability within the local and global community.
- 2. To **define and measure** the environmental impact of our schools' actions and activities and to subsequently develop a set of targets **to reduce** any negative impact and costs.
- 3. To ensure that both staff and students are encouraged to play an active role in our school environmental and sustainability agenda.
- 4. To **encourage behavioural changes and increase participation** in environmental and sustainability issues.

According to the 'Governors' Guide to Sustainable Schools' (DfES, 2007b), a sustainable school is one that has care as its central value: "care for oneself, care for each other (distant and near, as well as for future generations), care for the environment (from the school grounds to the planet)".

The Chorlton High School Sustainability Strategy is the responsibility of all of our school community

– as we aim to protect and strengthen our environment for the future of all.



Develop an ethos of promoting sustainability across the school

To develop the capacities of all staff to promote the understanding of the principles of sustainability

To increase the understanding about reducing carbon usage for students and staff

To share and encourage the principles of sustainability with the wider community





To measure, report on and improve the operational energy efficiency of premises - gas, water and electricity

To explore, and regularly revisit, options to purchase green or ultra-low carbon energy

To explore, and regularly revisit, renewable energy generation

To plan for replacement heating system





To maintain respect for natural resources by teaching, promoting and modelling the most efficient use of materials and by using renewable, recycled and recyclable products wherever possible

To reduce the amount of waste we produce

To maximize recycling

To encourage staff, students and parents to recycle as much waste as possible, in school and at home





To reduce litter

To reduce single-use plastics

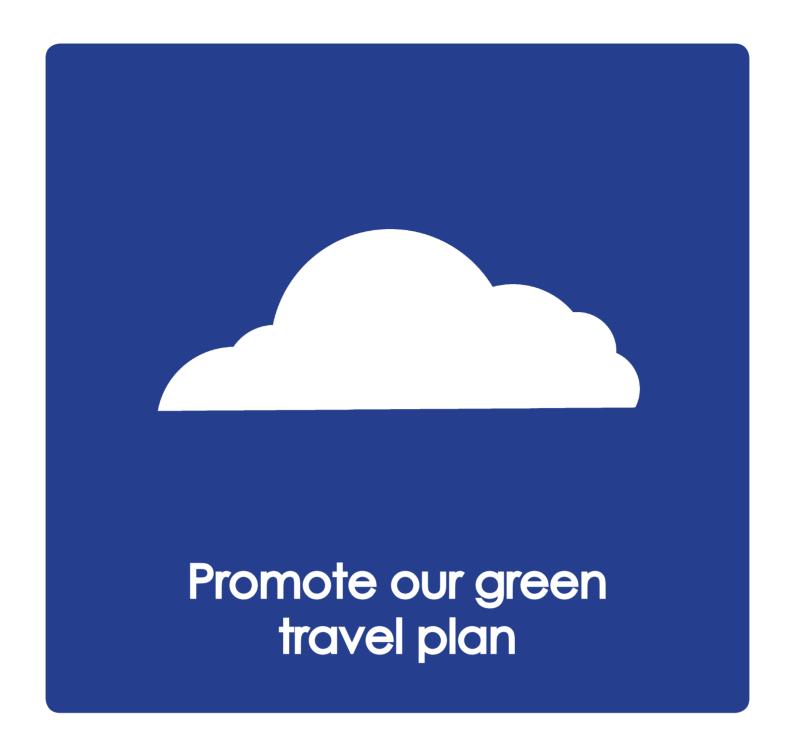


To ensure that school grounds are maintained to a high standard and are as litter free as possible

To enhance the natural environment and increase biodiversity across our school grounds

To Promote environmental volunteering amongst students and staff





To promote and support car-sharing, public transport, walking and cycling to and from school to students, parents and staff

To encourage the use of bikes by promoting safe cycling and secure cycle storage and safe crossing points

To review the School Travel Plan on a regular basis

To plan for minibuses to switch to electric vehicles

To consider adopting carbon offsetting for medium and long-haul school travel wherever possible





To consider sustainability issues throughout the planning, design and construction of all capital and other projects

To make sure sustainability is part of our procurement policy

To ensure that we pursue a policy of best practice, local purchasing and the use of environmentally friendly products, where possible

To sign up to the Net Zero Carbon Buildings commitment





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