



Knights Enham Schools Carbon Policy

Purpose

This carbon Policy has been compiled to set out **Knights Enham Schools** intentions and goals with respect to carbon use and management. Its purpose is to help embed efficiency and environmental awareness into everyday business.

Commitment

Knights Enham Schools will comply fully with legislation and officially approved codes of practice and will make continued efforts to promote sound carbon management policies and practices in the work of all departments:

“We are committed to responsible carbon management and will practice energy efficiency throughout all our premises wherever it’s reasonably practical and cost-effective to reduce the impact of carbon.”

Knights Enham Schools are introducing a Carbon Foot printing Plan in 2025, which commits us to achieving a **x%** reduction in our energy-related carbon emissions by 2035 and an aspiration to reach NetZero in 2050. In pursuit of this target, the plan identifies seven major areas of work for **Knights Enham Schools** to complete.

- Must establish a carbon baseline for year 2024 for scope 1 & 2 emissions (i.e., purchased electricity, gas, oil and transport fuel).

- Encouraged to measure a carbon baseline for scope 3 emissions (i.e., water, waste, business travel, commuting and procurement).
- Publish carbon reduction targets for scope 1 & 2 emissions for 2025 which must be less than those in 2024.
- Attainment of a sector target of **x%** reduction on 2024 emissions by 2035.
- Produce a carbon management policy or strategy, and an implementation plan to achieve targets for scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions, including timescales and resources.
- Establish clear responsibilities for carbon management.
- Commit to monitor targets and report carbon emissions publicly annually to achieve Net Zero carbon by 2050 in the UK.

Objectives

Knights Enham Schools strategy to achieve these targets include but is not limited to:

- Energy consumption reduction schemes: Implementing and capturing learning from pilot carbon reduction measures.
- Carbon reduction projects – **scope 1 and 2**. These are projects that will help to reduce **Knights Enham Schools** energy use and/or develop renewable energy sources.
- Carbon reduction projects – **scope 3**. These include a combination of measures that support pro-environmental behavioural changes; partnership working; and efficiency measures, for example, reducing energy use across site.
- Policy development and management: This mainly involves the integration of carbon issues within the financial planning and policy development processes of the company, to ensure carbon is a key consideration of everything we do.
- Engagement and behaviour change initiatives. For example, awareness campaigns aimed at staff and initiatives to improve data provision.
- Data gathering and reporting: Improving our energy monitoring processes so that we can identify and prioritise opportunities for carbon savings more effectively.
- Feasibility work. For example, feasibility studies, design work, and other work needed to identify potential measures and develop them into robust proposals that can be taken forward to implementation.
- Low carbon energy generation: Identifying opportunities to generate our own energy through low carbon technologies and carbon offsetting.

Knights Enham Schools will comply fully with environmental legislation and officially approved codes of practice and will make continued efforts to promote sound environmental management policies and practices in the work of all departments:

Immediate Aims

- To increase awareness of environmental responsibilities amongst staff and to work with other agencies locally, nationally, and internationally to promote appropriate environmental policies.
- To implement policies and procedures that contribute to a reduction in Knights Enham Schools carbon footprint.
- To minimise waste and pollution, and to operate effective waste management procedures.
- To reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and reduce water consumption.
- To promote a purchasing policy which will give preference, as far as practicable, to those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment.
- To avoid use, wherever possible, of environmentally damaging substances, materials, and processes.
- To encourage modes of transport by staff which minimise the impact to the environment.
- To communicate with interested parties on issues relating to the carbon Policy including contacts in the immediate neighbourhood, regionally, nationally, and globally.

Policy Owner:

Date of Last Review:

Date of Next Review: