

Environmental sustainability at a glance

Guidance for governing boards in schools and trusts

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This guidance has been developed to help governors and trustees start meaningful conversations that ultimately result in tangible climate action plans.

Pupil voice

Many young people care about environmental sustainability. Stakeholder engagement is a core function of governance and listening to pupils' views is essential in ensuring they feel valued.

Global citizens

Schools have a crucial role in helping young people to understand the world and develop skills and attitudes to live fulfilled lives as responsible citizens who are aware of, and helping to combat, global issues.

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At a local level, governors and trustees can lead change. It is a core function of boards to determine the values, vision, ethos, and strategic priorities of the school or trust it governs. Governing boards are in a position to consider their role in environmental sustainability and ensure that their trusts and schools take action.

