

## **IDEAS ZONE      Ideas to try in school ...**

### **Air Quality**

1. Solar panels; put solar panels on any free space
2. MORE TREES AND PLANTS: Everyone gets to plant a small flower and take care of it and the healthiest flower's 'owner' gets a cash prize; put more plants indoors eg everyone bring in one plant and water it during PT Time; add more trees in the school grounds (free trees and hedges at the Woodlands Trust)
3. Windmills
4. MORE POSTERS and (more) PUBLICITY; Tell more people
5. Stop clearing woodlands and plant more hedges; Promote keeping trees
6. Show what could possibly happen if nothing changes; Explain the effects of toxic air pollutants
7. Decrease use of technology (if actually possible)
8. Walking over using vehicles, if possible; Promote walking to school and taking electrically powered vehicles; Reduce the cost of electric cars; Cycle to school more
9. Make a living wall on the outside of the school building; Grow trees on buildings
10. Donate money to charities that promote air quality
11. No cars around school area; Buses around schools need to be turned off
12. TRY to stay positive and not get sad/depressed about the negativity towards animals and nature.

### **Energy**

1. We are investing in school water bottles to cut down on non-recyclable plastic
2. FACT: 60% carbon dioxide emissions [come] from energy
3. Invest in new technology and convince people who can make a difference why they should be – people might listen to certain people more than others
4. Solar panels in every day lives
5. Wind turbines as there is a lot of winds in England
6. Do big petitions to politicians in order to convince them that acting on climate change will gain our future votes, instead of scaring voters off
7. Visual things to show people so it is more interesting
8. People complain that it is too cold or too hot so we have got a heating and an air-conditioning system and people are always turning them both on and off!

### **Food and Food Waste**

1. Pre-ordering lunches
2. Flexible portions
3. Small snacks
4. Food you want to eat
5. Taster sessions
6. Engage with canteen / school staff
7. Garden compost bins
8. Farm / market visits

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**Resource-use**

1. Recycling resources using clear labelling and education (How, where and why)
2. Reusing resources – taking paper out of bins, not using a new book
3. Electricity – [install] light sensors / smart switch – generation vs. usage
4. School dinners – asking the cooks where waste goes
5. Behaviours: making it COOL
6. Mindsets - making it cool and front of mind
7. Leadership – champions for change – INSPIRATION – lead by example
8. Forums – giving people a voice
9. Knowledge – Make part of core curriculum – communicating eg via social media – embedding ideas young
10. Interviews – asking the questions

**Travel and transport**

1. [Issues] Traffic outside school gates; Safety
2. Lack of awareness; Lack of information
3. SOLUTIONS: introduction of restrictions on certain roads
4. Running more assemblies about climate change
5. More eco-friendly lifestyles

**Waste and recycling**

1. Separating waste – 3 bins with posters; 2 bins in each room in another school
2. Reuse policy for recycled bottles
3. More information and campaign making sure people know more; Posters
4. Introduced reusable water-bottles with the brand name at one school
5. More could be done to recycle
6. Signs on recycling bins; posters around school; poem about recycling all done at one school
7. Fund-raising / festival
8. Litter picking; picking up rubbish given as a punishment in one school!