



Dear Schools in Herefordshire,

As spring blossoms around us and the sunshine has appeared I'm pleased to share our latest information on what's available to support our schools on their journey to net zero. This includes:

- ✓ Lets Go Zero share information on their free Sustainability Audit and visits available to help count your carbon
- ✓ Join The Climate Action Countdown for 29 days of fun, inclusive and inspiring activities for kids (7 June - 5 July)
- ✓ Learn how to report faded road markings outside your school
- ✓ Guidance on how to set up Park and Stride or Walking bus at your school
- ✓ An update on our school competition 'Our Herefordshire, Our Planet' prize winner and an inspiring narrative about Ashperton Primary School's Wild Meadow.

As always, please get in touch if you'd like more information or any support.

Best wishes, Naomi

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## LET'S GO ZERO

Let's Go Zero provide **free** support to help schools across the UK become zero carbon by 2030.

Here's a glimpse into what their advisors can offer:

### 1. Sustainability Audit

- a. Holistic overview of your school's sustainability across over 8 pillars including energy, water, waste, transport, food, procurement, nature and curriculum (approx. 2-4 hours depending on school size)
- b. Engaging with stakeholders across the school incl. SLT, business manager, site manager, subject lead, eco lead, Forest School lead etc. Advisors can also bring students into the process, allowing them to use various auditing equipment such as a thermal imaging camera to identify quick wins for energy efficiency
- c. Climate Action Advisors can use this visit to develop a sustainability report and Climate Action Plan, adhering to the DfE Sustainability and Climate Change strategy, which asks that this document covers the following 4 topics:
  - i. Decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency
  - ii. Climate Adaptation and Resilience
  - iii. Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure
  - iv. Climate Education, Green Skills and Careers

## 2. Count Your Carbon Visit

- Support with collating data required and inputting it in tool
- Helping to interpret the report generated
- Shortlisting actions to use in schools' Climate Action Plans

You can sign up for support from one of their advisors here: [Join for zero carbon schools · Lets Go Zero](#)

### THE CLIMATE ACTION COUNTDOWN

29 days of fun, inclusive, inspiring action.

Every day from 7 June to 5 July, schools around the UK are taking on a different activity linked to sustainability.

Let's Go Zero calendar gives you 29 days of fun, inclusive, inspiring action. We have everything you need to make your month of action a success. From worksheets to assembly presentations, colouring sheets to manifestos, social media posts to a song to raise your voices to.

Free resources included when you sign up [HERE](#)



### FADED LINING OUTSIDE YOUR SCHOOL?



Reporting when road markings outside your school are fading is vital to uphold the safety of children and pedestrians. These markings serve as vital guides for both drivers and pedestrians, ensuring a smooth flow of traffic and outlining safe zones for crossing. Knowing the area is safe encourages pupils and parents to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

Faded markings can lead to confusion, increasing the risk of accidents, especially in areas with high foot traffic like schools.

By reporting fading road markings, the necessary action can be taken for them to be repainted.

They can be reported online at: [Report problems on the road – Herefordshire Council](#)

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## MAY IS WALKING MONTH

Setting up a Park & Stride or Walking Bus is when parents and families meet at a specific point and then the children walk the rest of the way to school.

Our partners at Stride Active have created some fantastic resources such as a guides and local case studies which be found here: [Walk to School - Stride Active](#)



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## CASE STUDY – Wildflower meadow at Ashperton Primary Academy offers benefits to students and biodiversity



Head teacher Chris Bandfield and Deputy Head Caroline Bullock share the exciting projects and plans on the horizon for Ashperton Primary Academy along with how they used their prize money for securing top spot in Herefordshire's Greener Footprints: Our Herefordshire, Our Planet poster competition. Chris explains *"We've been very lucky with the timing – we've got the long term lease of a 7 acre field through the amazing support of Ashperton Consolidated Charities, and the field just lends itself to developing a wildflower meadow. We've also put deer fencing up, and planted 400 trees from the Woodland Trust, and this was just a logical extension really..."* [Continue reading here](#)

**HAS YOUR SCHOOL DONE SOMETHING TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE – WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND SHARE YOUR STORY TO HELP INSPIRE OTHERS!**