

20th September 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Fowey River Academy,

In collaboration with all the other secondary schools across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly we have decided to do our bit and help address climate change and we have signed up to the Green Charter for Schools. At 2 pm today we have all declared a climate emergency. We hope by taking this stance other schools across the country will follow our lead.

The charter has two overarching aims:

As educators, we are committed to teaching our young people to be environmentally literate and to develop their knowledge, skills, motivation and confidence to practise and promote sustainability in their community.

As organisations, we are committed to ensuring any decisions we make about our working practice take into account the impact on the environment, with the aim of adopting sustainable practices wherever possible.

To achieve our aims, we have all agreed to do the following:

1. Collectively declare a climate emergency on Friday 20th September 2019.
2. Attend the 2019 Cornwall Schools' Eco-Conference and any subsequent conferences.
3. Gain Eco-School status within two years, then maintain it thereafter.
4. Significantly reduce the use of single-use plastic with the aim of becoming 'plastic-free'.
5. Create a garden, pond, orchard, vegetable plot and beehive area on site. We are reviewing options to create a small farm on/near site.
6. Promote the benefits of eating less meat and aim to have a regular meat-free day.
7. Engage with parents and the local community to promote sustainable action in the home.
8. Engage with another school (nationally or internationally) about action in schools.
9. Support Cornwall Council's aim to become carbon neutral by:
 - reducing energy consumption by at least 10%.
 - using some form of renewable energy source on-site, where possible.
 - buying energy from renewable suppliers, where possible.
10. Explore ways to lessen the impact of petrol and diesel vehicles on the environment.

We hope that much of this will be driven by students through our Eco-Council. Next week we will be organising a series of activities and events. If you would like to be involved in helping us achieve our aims, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

