

## **Climate Action Plan for Our Childminding Setting**

### **What We Already Do**

We're proud to already take many steps to protect our planet:

- Walk to school, parks, and local outings instead of driving.
- Litter pick regularly and sort recycling by materials.
- Use reusable wipes and offer reusable nappies.
- Use bamboo toothbrushes and paper-wrapped toilet paper.
- Serve mostly vegetarian meals.
- Grow our own herbs and go foraging.
- Use second-hand resources to avoid waste.
- Reuse recycling materials for crafts.
- Explore pollution through water play.

### **Action Plan Overview**

#### **1. Energy Use**

Goal: Reduce energy use and carbon footprint.

We already:

- Make the most of natural daylight.

Next steps:

- Switch to LED lighting.
- Involve children with a "Light Monitor" role.

#### **2. Waste Reduction**

Goal: Minimize waste and promote reuse.

We already:

- Recycle materials and reuse for crafts.
- Use reusable wipes and nappies.
- Choose eco-friendly alternatives (e.g., bamboo toothbrushes, paper-wrapped toilet paper).

Next steps:

- Introduce a wormery or composting area for food scraps.
- Label recycling and composting bins clearly.
- Celebrate "Zero Waste Days."

#### **3. Food & Nutrition**

Goal: Support eco-friendly eating habits.

We already:

- Offer mostly vegetarian meals.
- Grow herbs and forage for local foods.

Next steps:

- Compost food scraps through new wormery/compost area.
- Involve children more in herb and plant care

#### 4. Transport

Goal: Minimize car use.

We already:

- Walk to local destinations.

Next steps:

- Encourage eco-friendly travel with families.

#### 5. Education & Awareness

Goal: Inspire environmental responsibility in children.

We already:

- Use water play to explore pollution.
- Do regular nature walks, foraging, and litter picking.
- Use recycled materials in creative play.

-have a range of books about nature and recycling

-celebrate earth day

Next steps:

- Include books, songs, and stories about climate and nature.
- Celebrate other eco/zero waste days with themed activities.

#### 6. Water Conservation

Goal: Use water responsibly and teach mindful habits.

We already:

- Engage in turning taps off after use

Next steps:

- Collect rainwater for plant care.
- water plants with used hand wash or play water

#### 7. Review and Celebrate

Goal: Reflect on and celebrate our sustainability efforts.

Actions:

- Create a wall display to show our eco activities.
- Share progress with families through updates and photos.
- Celebrate milestones like "First Compost Harvest" or "10 Litter-Picking Walks."

#### Our Eco Pledge

"We promise to care for the Earth by walking, reusing, recycling, composting, and learning from nature every day."