

UNFCCC Recommendation for Short-Term Reduction Plan

Over the years the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has provided guidance for schools and small businesses on ways they can reduce their carbon footprint in the short-term.

We were fortunate that the UNFCCC hosted several conferences with One World schools explaining how they might go about reducing their carbon footprint.

They explained that when forming a short-term reduction plan schools should focus on resource and energy efficiency.

Resource Efficiency

- Reduce the purchase of materials (*paper, plastics & more*).
- Reduce food waste.
- Sorting waste and recycling where possible.

Energy Efficiency

- Turning off lights & electronics when not in use.
- Purchasing renewable energy.
- Increasing energy efficiency through improved lighting (LED Light bulbs) , double glazing, electronics, and improved infrastructure (*heating systems, double glazing, insulation*).
- Public transport initiatives.

Simple ways to reduce also include:

Awareness + Leadership + Evaluation

- Increasing awareness - student and staff engagement
- Nomination of student leader to ensure light & equipment turned off, water usage minimized etc.
- Regular internal auditing

For more background on the UNFCCC recommendations for a short term reduction plan please refer to pages 9 to 11 in the following presentation:

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