

Live Simply Action Plan – St Bede’s Catholic Infant School, Widnes

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GLOBAL	<p>Description of Action Fairtrade – maintaining our Fair Achiever Status highlighting the importance of Fairtrade across the world.</p> <p>Faith Input Fratelli Tutti – the Pope’s message around our global family Collective Worships</p> <p>Education Input Fairtrade activities through the year and Fairtrade Fortnight. The children learn about the importance of a fair world for the poorer communities. Links to RE summer term – CAFOD topics</p>	<p>Description of Action Taking part in and recognising International Day of Peace, International Toilet Day</p> <p>Faith Input Prayers for peace added to our school prayer tree. ‘Blessed are the Peacemakers’ Collective Worships including – how we can be peacemakers in our own lives. Fratelli Tutti</p> <p>Education Input Children explore why it is so important for us to live in peace and to be peacemakers. We explore how we can be peacemakers in our own lives and talk about love and respect for all – linking to our equalities work, No Outsiders in our School and our British Values work. UNICEF Rights Respecting School, Water Aid</p>	<p>Description of Action CAFOD summer campaign</p> <p>Faith Input Laudato Si Education Input CAFOD assemblies (we try to take part in each term).</p>
LOCAL	<p>Description of Action Community Day – families and members of our community are invited into school on two occasions in the year (October and July). July has a high focus on inviting our community to come in and take part in a variety of activities including a review of our school mission statement, equalities</p>	<p>Description of Action Children invite our local community group in for singing and sharing refreshments with the children.</p> <p>Faith Input Fratelli Tutti Sharing prayers with our visitors Love One Another</p> <p>Education Input</p>	<p>Description of Action Fundraising Foodbank collections – Advent and Lent – supporting the local community. Nugent Care – Lent</p> <p>Faith Input Links to Lent and how we strive to be like Jesus. Lenten promises – adding to our Prayer tree</p>

	<p>Invitations to local British Legion – to host a stall in October and Fairtrade stall in July – local provider.</p> <p>Faith Input School Mission Statement Equalities – Love One Another Laudato Si Fratelli Tutti Peace</p> <p>Education Input Focus on different books to support our high focus on equalities and acceptance. Focus on Fairtrade - solidarity</p>	<p>Cross curricular opportunities – focusing on Families, celebrating similarities and differences RE –Come and See Summer term – CAFOD topics</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday/Lent Collective Worship – how we give, pray</p> <p>Education Input How families, not only in distant countries may need support but families in our local community may also need our help. Fundraising by giving something of ourselves. Nugent Care – finding out about</p>
SCHOOL	<p>Description of Action Walk Once A Week – WOW initiative. Children and their families make a commitment to walking to school at least once a week – to support the environment and promote healthy lifestyle</p> <p>Faith Input Laudato Si – care of our common home</p> <p>Education Input Families make a pledge to walk to or from school at least once a week. This includes walking, park-and stride, scooting – sustainable modes of transport. The message is advertised on our banner outside on the railings. The Living Streets resources including assembly used to promote the scheme and invite the children to take part. Highlighting the benefits to our environment as well as to our own health.</p>	<p>Description of Action Enhancing the Mary Mary garden. Led by Mrs Gandy and the Reception children – maintaining the garden, planting vegetables and supporting area for wildlife. Alongside CAFOD club maintaining our Peace Garden for area for reflection for children in groups and in their classes.</p> <p>Faith Input Laudato Si – care of our common home Prayers for our world – all classes contributing to our prayer tree.</p> <p>Education Input Children supported to respect our environment. Explore living things – linking to science. Opportunities for children to learn about Pope’s message and how we can all play a part in slowing climate change. Linking to RE and geography.</p>	<p>Description of Action Helping our school to be more climate friendly. Recycling of increasing number of items in school, turning off lights, not wasting water and food etc.</p> <p>Faith Input Laudato Si CAFOD</p> <p>Education Input Link to Greta Thunberg and exploring of her campaigning linking to geography and climate change. Summer term Come and See topics across the school focusing on CAFOD and our ongoing messages which we encourage the children to share at home.</p>

	<p>Children earn their badges (made from recycled plastic) each month to show their commitment.</p> <p>Other activities linked to this throughout the year.</p> <p>Shared on Twitter.</p>		
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Live Simply

To take action towards living a simpler lifestyle including slowing down and finding time to pray and reflect, refusing and reflecting on what we consume, spending more time on the simpler things in life including reflective time with family and friends, time in nature.

Brief description of main action:

Our Mary Mary Garden

Focusing on respect and love for our world – for the climate and for the people who live in our world – looking after our own garden for people and creatures that live there e.g. addition of bug hotels, bird boxes

Work in the garden – to support children’s understanding of the importance of our world and environment.

Enhancement of our Peace Garden – to have time for children and staff to have time for quiet reflection and prayer. Linking to International Day of Peace

Children are able to grow their own things to enhance the environment and explore

How will you plan for a wider community engagement?

To encourage children and staff to use the peace garden regularly

Share reflections and prayers with the families

Include information in newsletters

Children can share their activities in a number of ways with their families – to have activities that can be done in the wider community

FAITH/LEARN/ACT

What faith-based resources will you use?

Include resources linked to Catholic Social Teaching, liturgies, prayers and other faith-based materials

Laudato Si

Fratelli Tutti

CST CAFOD principles

Prayers for our world – our school prayer tree

What educational resources will you use?

These can include CAFOD educational resources or other resources that provide a learning journey.

Gardening – Reception Garden Days

Geography resources

PSHCE activities

Climate change focus – e.g. campaigners

Science – exploration of habitats – linking to deforestation

Live in Solidarity

To take direct action to help our global family. This includes campaign action to raise awareness or challenge structures that impact negatively on our global neighbours, fundraising to help communities in need and other global actions that make a difference to our global family.

Brief description of main action:

Maintaining our Fair Achiever status at school. This is gained through high focus on Fairtrade and promotion of the importance of Fairtrade to families in developing world.

How will you plan for a wider community engagement?

Promotion of Fairtrade at various times in the year – notably Fairtrade Fortnight

Encourage participation in activities – children go home and encourage family to explore purchasing of Fairtrade products e.g. replacing an item with a Fairtrade one – bananas are a common swap.

Completion of survey

Hosting Fairtrade stall at community events.

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CAFOD resources

Come and See programme

Fratelli Tutti

Prayers for Fairtrade – our school prayer tree

Laudato Si

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Fairtrade Foundation resources

CAFOD

Educational including Twinkl

Climate change – effects – PSHCE and Geography

Live Sustainably

Criteria to live sustainably: to take action towards protecting God’s creation through personal actions. This can include taking action on how much we use and throw away, supporting the work of eco clubs and other eco initiatives, taking environmentally positive action in the local community.

Brief description of main action:

Ongoing throughout the year. We have a commitment to the WOW – Walk once a week campaign. We encourage children to walk to and from school at least once a week and the children earn their monthly badges – which are made from recycled plastic.

How will you plan for a wider community engagement?

Families get involved and make pledges annually to walk to school at least once a week – high focus on reduction of emissions from cars, respect for our world.

Advertised on school gates

Included in newsletters and on Twitter

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CAFOD, campaigning

Laudato Si

Rights Respecting Schools resources

PSHE activities – including benefits to health as well as environment

English – linking to campaigners e.g Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough.

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