



# Climate Action Plan (2025– 2026)

Name of Setting: Jitterbugs Childcare

At **Jitterbugs** we wish to support children to learn about sustainable practices and foster respect and care for living and non-living environments. Children are able to develop positive attitudes and values about sustainable practices by exploring solutions to environmental issues, learning about the world around them and how to protect it and watching adults role model sustainable practices.

## Strategic Goals:

- Jitterbugs to Consider how our setting's curriculum currently addresses matters of sustainability and climate change.
- Jitterbugs to Consider how our setting uses single-use plastics and begin to implement reusable, sustainable alternatives
- Jitterbugs to Review our setting's approach to the procurement of food, food waste management and sustainable practice.

## Monitoring and Review

- The Climate Action Plan will be reviewed annually and shared

## Sign-Off:

Setting Lead: Katey Pratt

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Sustainability Lead: Katie Turrell

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# 1. Decarbonisation

## Baseline Summary:

Decarbonising at Jitterbugs nursery involves reducing our carbon footprint through various strategies, including minimizing energy consumption, reducing waste, and promoting sustainable practices.

Target	Planned Actions	Timeline	Responsible Person	Evaluation
To reduce energy consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure lights and switches are off when not in use</li><li>• Use natural daylight where possible to safely illuminate areas</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To reduce waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement recycling bins in all rooms</li><li>• Children to be encouraged to junk model with recycled materials</li><li>• Reduce food waste and look at composting</li><li>• Recycle used batteries</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To promote sustainable practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage walking to setting</li><li>• Conserve water outside and inside</li><li>• Educate staff and children and families</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	

## Overall Decarbonisation Target:



Tools

To reduce carbon emissions where possible within the setting

## 2. Adaptation and Resilience

### Baseline Summary:

Adaptation to climate change at Jitterbugs involves adjusting to its current and future impacts, while resilience is about the ability to cope with and recover from those impacts. Adaptation focuses on proactive measures to reduce vulnerability to climate risks, and resilience is about building capacity to absorb and bounce back from shocks

Target	Planned Actions	Timeline	Responsible Person	Evaluation
To reduce vulnerability of people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To educate and communicate with all at Jitterbugs</li><li>Support parent partnership</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To develop early warning systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Have strong policies and procedures</li><li>Have staff training – Noodle now ‘Think Green!’</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To build resilience to strengthen the ability of communities and systems to cope with future climate impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Partnerships with the local community, families and staff</li><li>Have an awareness of local systems and current climate impacts</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	

### Overall Resilience Target:

### 3. Improving the Environment and Biodiversity

#### Baseline Summary:

Improving biodiversity at Jitterbugs means increasing the variety of life within an ecosystem, encompassing different species, their genetic diversity, and the habitats they inhabit. This can be achieved through various strategies, including habitat restoration, promoting species diversity, and ensuring sustainable practices

Target	Planned Actions	Timeline	Responsible Person	Evaluation
To support local wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To support children's understanding of the care of animals and animals we share our environment with</li><li>To not disturb local wildlife and to continue to have the bug hotel</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To reduce consumption and waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To use a water butt or water collector</li><li>To reduce food waste at meal times and ensuring the menu is foods the children like and eat</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To support pollinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Have plants that support pollination</li><li>To not disturb bees in their natural habitat</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	

#### Overall Biodiversity Target:

## 4. Climate Education and Green Careers

### Baseline Summary:

Climate education at Jitterbugs and green careers are interconnected, as climate education helps build awareness and motivation for action, while green careers offer opportunities to address climate change and contribute to a sustainable future.

We assess our nursery's impact on the environment on a regular basis and put procedures in place to counteract this impact.

Target	Planned Actions	Timeline	Responsible Person	Evaluation
To empower everyone at Jitterbugs to understand climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Educate and train staff</li><li>Provide a policy and procedure</li><li>Support staff with the tools to achieve the targets</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To share knowledge and engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff training and meetings</li><li>Home parent links/parent partnerships</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To integrate climate change into the areas of the curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To look at aspects of climate change throughout the nursery curriculum</li><li>To provide learning opportunities for children looking at climate change and sustainability</li></ul>	1 year review		

### Overall Education Target:

## 5. Engagement and Communication

### Baseline Summary:

Working together with all our parents and partners and staff at Jitterbugs will help our environment to be more sustainable and make it a better place for our future generations to grow up in.

Target	Planned Actions	Timeline	Responsible Person	Evaluation
To engage staff in understanding the Climate action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff to access policy</li><li>• Staff to access the action plan</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
To support staff in engaging with the plan and implementing actions to support the plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff to implement policy and procedures</li><li>• Staff to do CPD on climate change and sustainability</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	
For parents/carers/families to gain awareness of the settings action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The setting to engage with families and encourage their engagement back in regard to all aspects of climate change and sustainability</li></ul>	1 year review	Katie Turrell	

### Overall Engagement Target: