

Bronze Award criteria



STEPS 1, 2 and 3 ONLY

Once you have made some progress on your Eco-Schools journey and told the rest of your school about your good work, you will be ready to apply for the Eco-Schools Bronze Award. On average schools take between 3 – 6 months to move from registration to Bronze as this first stage is about setting the foundations to becoming a fully fledged Eco-School.

This is **self-assessed online** and focuses on the activities you are undertaking. If you feel you have met the criteria listed below, **celebrate** and login to your account to complete the free self-assessment!

STEP 1: Your Eco-Committee

- Pupils volunteer and are then nominated by their peers to be on the Eco-Committee. This includes **all** KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4 year groups in the school. Nurseries, colleges and specialist schools can adapt their Eco-Committee to suit their setting. NB. It is not necessary to re-elect the pupils on the Eco-Committee every academic year, allow pupils to remain on the Eco-Committee if they wish, so they are able to see the impacts of their actions.
- Pupils are given the opportunity to invite along non-teaching staff to join their meetings to help them with a particular topic they have chosen to work on.
- There is a representation from the parents or governing body on your Eco-Committee.
- The committee meets at least once every half term.
- Pupils share responsibility with adults for running meetings and keeping a record of the meetings.
- Minutes are displayed on your Eco-Board.
- Reports of your Eco-Committee meetings are made available to the Board of Governors and PTA.
- Pupil representatives ensure that there is communication to and from the Eco-Committee to the rest of the school.

STEP 2: Your Environmental Review

- An informal Environmental Review covering **all nine topics** is carried out **by pupils** (with adult supervision).
- A copy of your Environmental Review must be displayed on your Eco-Board and communicated with the whole school along with detailed plans for activities for improvement.
- It is compulsory for the Green Flag award that your Environmental Review be updated every two years to coincide with your renewal application, however can be carried out every year as best practice.

STEP 3: Your Action Plan-

- ***For one Eco-Schools Topic only***
- Your Eco-Committee produces an Action Plan influenced by their Environmental Review.
- Pupils on the Eco-Committee take responsibility for leading the actions.
- The Action Plan contains timescales, who is responsible and how targets will be monitored and evaluated.
- The Eco-Committee has shared the Action Plan with the whole of the school.
- A copy of the Action Plan is displayed on your Eco-Board.

Applying for your award

- The Bronze Award is **self-assessed**
- Complete your assessment by logging into our assessment site
- You will then be able to download a **Bronze Award logo and certificate** to display with pride!