

Eco-Schools Green Flag criteria



To progress from your **Silver Award to Green Flag Status** there are two key areas which your Eco-Committee will need to focus on; work on **3 Eco-Schools topics** and develop an Eco-Code for your school.

For those applying for their **2nd Green Flag and beyond**, your school should be focusing on **5 Eco-Schools topics**. We have listened to your feedback and will never ask our Eco-Schools, regardless of their Eco-Schools experience, to work on more than 5 topics for a Green Flag renewal. We only ask that you **swap 2 of your topics with each renewal** so that eventually you will have covered all 9 of our topics: just not in one go!

Your Eco-Committee will need to continue all of their hard work on **STEPS 1-6**

STEP 7: The Eco-Code

- There is an agreement on an environmental statement for the school drawn up by the Eco-Committee
- Your Eco-Code must reflect the Topic project work which you are working on for your Green Flag
- The Eco-Code is displayed on the Eco-Board
- The Eco-Code is also displayed around the school – in classrooms, school halls, even the toilets!
- The Eco-Code is known and understood by the majority of pupils and staff

Applying for your Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

Please do not worry, your Green Flag Application is not a test – it's a chance to celebrate all of your amazing work

The application for Green Flag provides an opportunity for your Eco-School to showcase their fantastic work on the Seven Steps. Once submitted, it is reviewed by Karyn our Eco-Schools Delivery Officer, who will then arrange for a Green Flag Assessment visit from one of our Assessors. Our Assessors are very friendly (especially if you offer them tea and biscuits!) and are there to support you. Your visit is not an *'inspection'* – it is a celebration of the amazing work you and your school have done.

The Green Flag is assessed by Keep Britain Tidy through a two-stage process:

1. **Online application form**
After logging into the administration site you will be asked to answer a series of questions about your Eco-Schools work and upload a small number of supporting documents.
2. **Assessment visit**
We will arrange for a Keep Britain Tidy volunteer assessor to visit your school to meet your Eco-committee and assess the work you have done to meet the Green Flag criteria.

Once you are ready, please login to start your application form.