**The Berrypatch Day Nursery and Out of School Care**

**Climate action policy**

It is a requirement form The Department for Education that ‘all education settings will have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a climate action plan' by 2025 in line with their Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.

We are required to have at least 1 action, what we can do , in the flowing 4 categories

1. **Decarbonisation and reducing emissions** - Using less energy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels

2. **Adaptation and Resilience** – Preparing for climate change. Adapting your setting so it stays safe, cool and prepared for extreme weather.

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3. **Improving the Environment and Biodiversity-** Helping nature thrive . Making your setting more nature-friendly and improving outdoor spaces

4. **Climate Education and Green Careers**- Helping children and adults understand environmental issues and think about future opportunities.

Below outlines what actions we can take as a setting both as staff and with the children

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| **Category**  | **What we can do ( adults)**  | **What we can do ( with/teach the children)**  |
| **1 Decarbonisation and reducing emissions** | Discuss energy usage and energy saving ideas with the landlord committee Staff to use heating and air con only when necessary.Replacement of windows in downstairs room ( Baby room ) – Plan before September 2027Use of curtains and daft excluders where necessary Discuss with landlord the instillation of solar panels before 2028 | Encourage children to turn off lights and any electrical items when not in use  |
| **2 Adaptation and Resilience** | Provide a water butt in the garden to collect rainwater for use of watering plantsCreate shared areas in the garden using sail shades and gazebos to protect staff and children from the sun Liase with landlord to ensure maintenance of gutters and drains to reduce the risk of flooding Implement our Sun protection policy in hot weather  | Weather related activities – Group time weather board daily Talk to children about why we drink more water in hot weather What they need to keep safe – hat , suncream , clothing Talk to children about clothing in different weathers cold weather  |
| **3 Improving the Environment and Biodiversity** | Use peat free compost for garden projects Place bird feeders in the garden Create small holes at the bottom of fencing to allow for movement of hedgehogs  | Create a wildflower area with the children Make and place bug hotels and bird boxes with the childrenUse of the green house to grow plants, vegetables and herbs Children to replenish bird feeder and water with staff  |
| **4 Climate Education and Green Careers** | Placement of recycling bins for adults and children Signage at sinks for use of water and turning off taps  | Activities to help children be aware of environmental issues Teach children what goes into the recycling bins – Use of labels and pictures Reading of books and stories reflecting environmental issues ( age appropriate)   |