

## **Marsh Baldon Primary School**

### **Declaration of a Climate Change Emergency**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> 2019**

#### **Why are we doing this?**

**This summer we have seen extreme temperatures across the world and watched the Amazon burn. We have also seen Greta Thunberg cross the Atlantic by solar powered boat to attend the UN climate summit in New York. Inspired by her actions, today we pledge to play our own part by declaring a Climate Change Emergency at our school, setting out to reduce our carbon footprint and to raise awareness of this crucial situation.**

**We have an Eco-Council who over the past few months have been looking at ways to reduce the impact of the school on the environmental and climate change using the Eco-Schools green flag award to help them.**

**The Eco-Council are keen to take positive action that does not require a school strike so instead have chosen to declare a Climate Change Emergency. They held a school referendum and received overwhelming support.**

**By doing this, the children hope to not only to send a powerful message to the local and wider community about the gravity of climate change but they also hope to put words into action.**

## **What actions will we take?**

### **We pledge to:**

1. Increase knowledge and understanding of climate change across the school community.
2. Seek to reduce our energy consumption (especially Co2 emissions) through our behaviour, our choice of energy supply and by creating environmentally friendly buildings.
3. Reduce volume of printing and offset the school's annual printing consumption by planting trees on the school site.
4. Reduce waste and promote recycling. We will reduce single use plastic by strongly encouraging children and staff to seek alternatives.
5. Create more sustainable school transport by promoting walking, cycling and use of shared transport.

## **What will happen on declaration day - 20<sup>th</sup> September?**

### **We will be:**

- Travelling to school by car share, walking or cycling
- Holding a rally in the school hall
- Marching with banners from the school gate around the local community
- Using no single use plastic
- Not using the printer
- Using minimum energy (with climate warriors to monitor)