



# Eco Schools Progress

At St Peter's R.C. High School,  
Manchester, M12 4WB

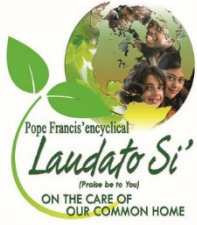
This presentation was delivered to our school governors by our Year 10 eco committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. It will also be presented at the MEEN Intergenerational Climate Conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.



# WHAT IS ECO SCHOOL



- Eco-Schools is a **global programme** engaging 52,000 schools and 19.5 million children across 67 countries, making it the largest educational programme on the planet.
- It aims to inspire the next generation and make a significant environmental difference by engaging the whole school community to take action around 10 Eco Schools themes.
- There are 3 award levels: Bronze, Silver and Green Flag, that our school can achieve. We are aiming to achieve the Bronze Award.



# Introduction



- Eco Schools links with our Catholic ethos of Stewardship and supports Pope Francis' Encyclical, "Laudato Si" (Praise Be To You) On The Care Of Our Common Home.
- Our Eco Schools Committee meets every Tuesday lunchtime. Having regular meetings helps to keep up our momentum and make regular progress.
- We have two Eco Teams: Key Stages 3 & 4 to coincide with our different lunchtimes.





# Ten themes

First 3 themes we are focussing on for our Bronze Award:



Litter / Waste



Communication



Energy / Climate



Building & schoolgrounds



Greenery



Hygiene



Mobility / Transport



Safety & security



Food



Water



# SCHOOLS IN ST PET



## Timeline:

- April 2018 – Eco Schools Committee set up.
- July 2018 – Completed our first whole-school audit
- September – We received 6 weeks of training to become Environmental Educators from Raichael Lock at MEEN (Manchester Environmental Education Network)
- We ran a full afternoon primary transition workshop with Key Stage 2 pupils from St Richard's RC Primary
- October – created our first Eco schools action plan
- November – lead Switch Off Fortnight
- January 2019 – Key Stage 3 pupils measured school building with a view to capturing rainfall.
- March - planted 8 trees in the playground and distributed 40 potted plants to classrooms





# WHAT WE STILL PLAN TO DO THIS YEAR



- To achieve the Eco Schools Bronze Award
- Attend the MEEN Intergenerational Climate conference on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019
- To attend the Mayor's Climate Conference on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and run climate education game with adults
- To get involved in the Big School Clean Up – assemblies and litter picks
- To increase biodiversity in our schools – train our form eco reps to look after the plants around school
- To install rainwater catchment to reduce the cost of watering our horticulture plants
- To reduce our electricity use and save money through energy efficiency
- To create a team of energy monitors to identify 'hot spots' where energy waste can be reduced fastest.
- To design and distribute recycling posters for every room in school – so the recycling system is used properly