

How to...

Take part in the Eco-Schools programme



There are four steps to participation in the Eco-Schools programme:

1. Register your school.
2. Implement the Seven Elements.
3. Take action on three of the Ten Topics.
4. Apply for an Award.



1. Register your school

- A) Before you register, please use our online schools list to make sure that your school isn't already registered with us. If it is, and you want to change any contact details, just call us on 01786 468234, or email us at ecoschools@keepscotlandbeautiful.org.
- B) If you're not already registered with us, just fill in our [online form](#), or contact our team on 01786 468234 to register your school by telephone. We'll send you a Certificate of Registration and add your details to our database.



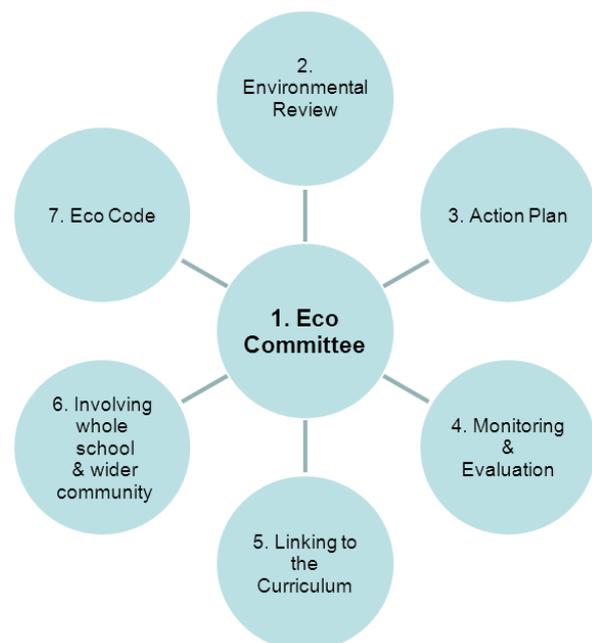
2. Implement the Seven Elements.

The Eco-Schools programme comprises seven key Elements.

These provide a 'management framework' on which to build your Eco-Schools work, and pupils should, wherever possible, play a lead role in implementing and managing each of them.

These Elements provide the basis of the criteria for each of the three levels of Award available to Scottish schools.

Click on each of the Elements to find out more, or visit our website at www.ecoschoolsscotland.org.



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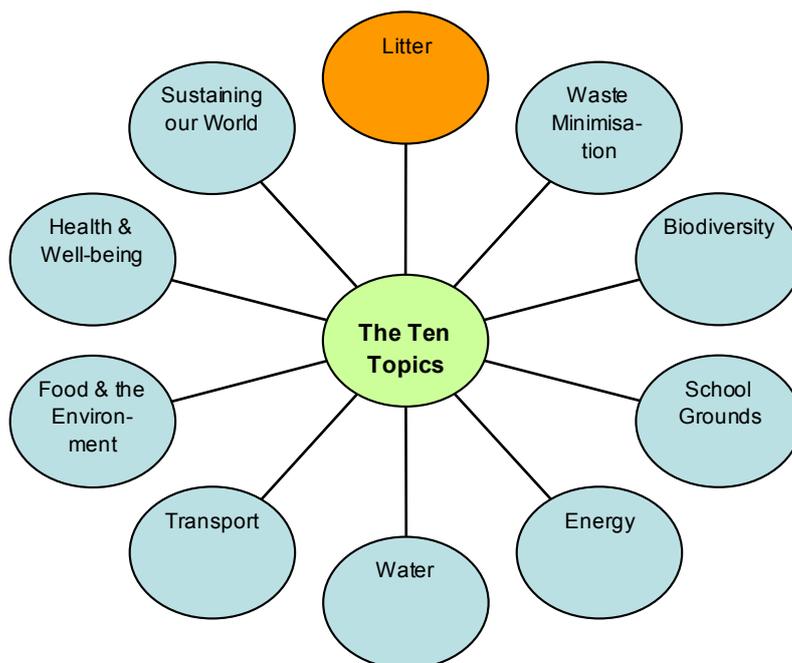
3. Take action on three of the Ten Topics

Eco-Schools Scotland offers a menu of Ten Topics, and schools are free to study these in any order they choose.

Please remember, however, that the Litter Topic is mandatory, and work on this Topic will be a constant throughout a school's 'eco-journey'.

Schools wishing to apply for Green Flag Award status must be able to provide evidence of in-depth work on three of the Ten Topics; one of which must be Litter.

A school will eventually cover all ten of the Topics, as two different Topics, plus the mandatory Litter Topic, must be studied for each Green Flag Award renewal.



4. Apply for an Award

Eco-Schools Scotland offers three levels of Award. The criteria for these Awards are all based around the successful implementation of the Seven Elements of the Eco-Schools programme, and action taken on the Ten Topics:

Bronze Award: Self-assessed, and can be applied for on-line. Valid indefinitely.

Silver Award: Self-assessed, and can be applied for on-line. Valid indefinitely.

Green Flag Award: School submits application form.

School visited by Assessor.

Valid for two years.

You can find out more about the [criteria](#) for each of the Awards on our [website](#).

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