



## Combe Down CofE Primary School-Climate Emergency Declaration

### We acknowledge:

1. The devastating impacts that climate change and global temperature increases will have on the lives and livelihoods of people around the world, including on the health, safety and wellbeing of local communities;
2. The urgent need for action to be taken fast enough for there to be a chance of further climate change being limited to avoid the worst impacts of drought, floods, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people;
3. That the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report (November 2018) makes clear the need to ensure global carbon emissions start to decline;
4. The leading role played by young people, including pupils from our schools, in highlighting the devastating impact of climate change and the need for society to recognise this climate emergency and take action to address it;
5. That we operate within Bath & North East Somerset and the county of Wiltshire and that in 2019 both local authorities declared a Climate Emergency and resolved to provide leadership to reduce our carbon footprint;
6. Our responsibility, as a School within the Palladian Academy Trust, to ensure that our pupils are educated and informed about the causes of climate change and the necessary steps that need to be taken if we, as a society, are to address this emergency; and
7. That we have the ability, either directly or through our influence, to reduce carbon emissions and wider pollution associated with all aspects of our School, including that from traffic and energy and goods and procured and used by the School;

### Therefore, this School resolves to:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency;
2. Pledge to ensure that our pupils are educated and informed about the causes of climate change and the necessary steps that need to be taken if we, as a society, are to address this emergency;
3. Commit to identify the sources of carbon emissions directly controlled by the School and introduce an action plan to address these with the aim of reducing the school's carbon footprint; and
4. Pledge to work with all groups associated with our School [such as pupils, parents, carers, staff and the Local Authority] to identify other sources of carbon emissions linked to the School and consider ways to reduce them.

Signed, on behalf of the Governors by:

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