



The Eco-Schools Energy award

During the 2009/10 school year Eco-Schools worked with the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to develop a brand new Energy Award.

The award recognises schools which have made a 10% or better reduction in their carbon emissions. The award recognises the efforts of English schools to reduce their carbon emissions as part of their wider sustainability work and commitment to tackling Climate Change.

The award was created with support from the Government Department for Energy and Climate Change and is open to any school in England.

Climate Change Minister Greg Barker said:

“Schools have a double win in taking energy efficiency seriously because they can help reduce fuel bills and cut carbon emissions as well as teaching the next generation about climate change. The Energy Award will recognise the efforts from schools and I look forward to hearing all about their achievements.”

Applications

Schools in England are invited to apply for the Energy Award if they feel they can demonstrate a 10% or better reduction in their carbon emissions.

To apply for the Energy Award download the application form [here](#).

In order to qualify for the award you must be able to provide evidence that you have achieved the required saving. Typically evidence for the award would consist of:

- Two years Display Energy Certificate (DEC) data showing before and after consumption

We are aware that some small schools and independent schools do not need to hold a DEC therefore we also accept:

- Other robust data, typically this is copies of utility bills showing a drop in usage over a minimum twelve month period

Award

Successful schools will receive a certificate showing amount saved, e.g. if the school achieve 17% savings based upon their data then you will receive a 17% certificate award.

You will also be entered on to the Energy Award league table. The table will display the 20 schools nationally who have achieved the greatest reduction in their carbon emissions. Each school in the top 20 will be asked to produce a case study demonstrating how they achieved success. The current league table can be viewed on our Eco-Schools statistics page.

Renewal

If successful the award will last for 12 months after which you will need to reapply with your updated energy data. The award will be cumulative based upon savings against the first years data submitted, e.g. if you achieve a 15% saving in Year One then a further 3% saving in Year Two, then you would hold an 18% award.

To be one of the first Eco-Schools in England to apply for the Energy Award please download the Energy Award application form.

If you would like to discuss the award please call a member of the Eco-Schools team on 01942 612621