

# Award Criteria



The EkoSkola Committee

## Bronze Award

- The EkoSkola Committee made up of a mixed group of pupils and adults
- The Committee meets at least once a term
- Notes are kept on each meeting
- School is kept informed about the Committee's discussions and actions

## Silver Award

- Pupils offer themselves to be part of the EkoSkola Committee
- Parents or School Council or School governors are represented on the Committee
- The Committee meets at least once every half-term
- A written record of meetings is kept under the joint responsibility of pupils and adults
- Pupils are responsible for the communication to and from the Committee to the rest of the school

## Green Flag Award

- Pupils offer themselves to be part of the EkoSkola Committee and are chosen by their peers
- Pupils are given the opportunity to nominate some adult members on the Committee
- The Committee co-opts adult members for specific tasks
- The Committee meets at least once every half-term
- Minutes of the meetings are kept under the joint responsibility of pupils and adults
- Minutes are displayed on the EkoSkola noticeboard
- Reports of the meetings are presented to School Council or School governors meetings
- The pupils on the Committee are responsible for consulting their peers and reporting results of Committee meetings to the rest of the school



## Environmental Review

### Bronze Award

- An informal environmental review of the school is carried out
- The results of the review are discussed by the Committee
- Following the review, activities are planned to improve the school's environmental performance

### Silver Award

- Pupils and adults plan and carry out an environmental audit of the school
- A review document (checklist) is used to record results
- The whole school is informed about the results of the review
- The Committee plans specific action inspired from the results of the review

### Green Flag Award

- Pupils and adults plan and carry out an environmental audit of the school in consultation with some non-committee members
- A review document (checklist) that covers every area of environmental impact is used
- The audit results are collated in one document and displayed on the EkoSkola noticeboard and website
- Pupils gather suggestions for action from their peers and teachers
- An environmental review is carried out every year to evaluate the school's overall progress



## Action Plan

### Bronze Award

- The Committee decides on some action for the school, based on the informal environmental review
- The Committee agrees about who will take the responsibility for specific actions

### Silver Award

- The Committee draws up an environmental action plan
- The action plan has specific targets with a timeframe for completing them
- A range of actions is planned covering more than one aspect of environmental management

### Green Flag Award

- The action plan is included in the school development plan
- Pupils on the Committee take responsibility for leading some action areas
- The action plan prioritises targets
- The action plan shows cost implications and includes information about how each activity will be monitored and evaluated



## Monitoring & Evaluation

### Bronze Award

- The Committee makes notes of progress towards identified targets
- The Committee discusses the success or otherwise of the action being undertaken

### Silver Award

- The Committee reviews progress against set targets
- The Committee reports progress to the whole school by appropriate means on a regular basis
- The whole school (pupils and adults) understands and is committed to the value of the activities and action being taken

### Green Flag Award

- The Committee ensures that the monitoring of action is ongoing, appropriate to the activity monitored and that some of it is carried out by pupils
- The whole school is aware of the progress along the action plan and is given the opportunity to evaluate its effect through discussion and debate
- The Committee meets to review progress and analyse the data collected. It builds on successes and decides on remedial action when activities are not proving successful.
- Some data obtained from the monitoring exercise is used for curriculum work



## Curriculum Work

### Bronze Award

- Environmental issues are covered as part of curriculum work in most year groups across a range of subjects

### Silver Award

- Some aspects of the EkoSkola activities are integrated into the school curriculum for most year groups

### Green Flag Award

- The school has a named individual responsible for environmental education
- The school has a curriculum plan integrating a range of environmental issues into the curriculum across all year groups in all subjects
- Aspects of EkoSkola activities are integrated into a range of subjects across the curriculum for the majority of the year groups
- Issues related to sustainable development are explored through curriculum activities in many year groups



## Informing & Involving

### Bronze Award

- The Committee has a school notice board that gives details about the environmental activities being carried out
- Parents know about the action being undertaken by the school
- The wider school community learns about the environmental activity going on in the school

### Silver Award

- An EkoSkola notice board is kept in a prominent position within the school
- The whole school is kept informed of activities through presentations during assembly and newsletters
- The whole school (not just the Committee members) is engaged in a number of EkoSkola activities
- Parents are involved in EkoSkola activities
- EkoSkola activities are reported in the local newspaper and/or local radio
- There is an album of activities in the school foyer for visitors to look at

### Green Flag Award

- EkoSkola activities are displayed on a notice board outside the school
- Displays of EkoSkola activities are put up for the local community, (e.g. in the public library or community hall)
- EkoSkola activities are an integral part of school life and the whole school participates in EkoSkola activities
- The wider community is involved in the activities going on in the school (e.g. local council members, local businesses, NGOs)
- Pupils write reports of activities for the local press
- Details of EkoSkola activities are put on the school's website



## EcoCode

### **Bronze Award**

- There is an agreement on some environmental statements for the school drawn up by the Committee

### **Silver Award**

- The Committee suggests an EcoCode to the school for their agreement
- The EcoCode is displayed on the EkoSkola notice board

### **Green Flag Award**

- The whole school is given the opportunity to make suggestions for what they believe should be included in the EcoCode.
- The Committee draws up a code from the suggestions collected and presents it to the school for approval.
- The EcoCode is displayed on the EkoSkola notice board and in all classrooms. It is also displayed on any outside notice board and the school's website.
- The EcoCode is reviewed by the whole school every year to make sure it remains relevant.