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Dear parents and carers,

Gateshead Council's Consultation on the Climate Change Strategy

The Council is running a consultation on the Climate Strategy for Gateshead until the end of February. We are trying to engage with as many people as possible in Gateshead, and in particular children and young people, as we know they're often the most passionate about the climate but we haven't yet had many responses from those age groups. The consultation can be found here: www.gateshead.gov.uk/climatestrategyconsultation

The school has been provided with a PowerPoint to provide your children with information about climate change and how they can help make a difference, and to encourage them to take part in the consultation on the climate strategy. Some schools may be able to join in with the consultation as an activity in the school day.

We hope the interactive map in particular might be of interest to the children as they can put forward ideas and issues relating to climate change in their local area. This might be something you would like to do with your children or get involved yourself. The map-based consultation can be found on the same link as above: www.gateshead.gov.uk/climatestrategyconsultation

As a council, we have already made major progress in reducing carbon emissions from our own activities - a massive 55% drop since 2010. But the Council only accounts for around 2.5% of Gateshead's total carbon footprint. So now the climate strategy is about working with everybody with a stake in Gateshead to make changes to reduce our carbon emissions.

What can you do? [What you can do - Gateshead Council](#)

- Provide your ideas in the consultation
- Work out your carbon footprint and get ideas on how you could lower it
<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>
- Make some lifestyle swaps
 - o Avoid throw away fashion.
 - o Reduce your meat and dairy consumption.
 - o Reduce car journeys and rethink your transportation
- Make some changes at home
 - o Turn down your thermostat
 - o Make sure you turn off appliances
 - o Make your home more efficient:
www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/3522/Energy-conservation-advice

Yours sincerely



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