

COVID-19 RESPONSE

FEE/Eco-Schools Recommendations for the Green Flag Assessment



FEE recommends the checklist below including minimum requirements for assessment for the Green Flag award in the context of the limitations Eco-Schools globally are facing due to Covid-19. These recommendations are only valid for assessments taking place from September 2020 to December 2021. We encourage schools to align their activities with the original Performance Indicators rubric (Annex 1 to the Eco-Schools Handbook for International Schools), always in alignment with local or national Covid-19 guidelines.

ECO COMMITTEE

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Students are the driving force of the Eco Committee – now also at home!
- The Eco Committee meets regularly and records minutes.

TIPS

Include your family and friends (parents, grandparents, siblings, neighbours, or extended community members) in the Eco Committee. Use digital media to connect and discuss with your peers.

Meet up online or in small groups (according to your national or local guidelines), even if it is a short briefing. Remember that you can also make phone calls!

SUSTAINABILITY AUDIT

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Baselines and end lines of the selected theme(s) are established.
- The audit is reviewed regularly at the school level or at home.
- The Sustainability Audit is broader than just environmental performance and includes literacy – behaviour and knowledge.

TIPS

Collect metrics at school or at home and compare them virtually to a classmates' and neighbours'! How does your family/household compare in their progress to others? Discuss at the lunch or dinner table.
Template available!

Regular review – preferably in the beginning of the school year – will allow you to revisit your targets and see where action is still lacking. Also, this is important when you connect with other classmates or teachers at school or virtually.
You could also consider a teacher survey on student skills / perception on leadership development.

ACTION PLAN

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Action Plan is SMART.
- The Action Plan and individual home action plans can be made publicly available.
- The Action Plan is continuously updated.

TIPS

Template available! What is a SMART Action Plan? Check in the Eco-Schools Handbook! Some platforms are: the website, social media, blogs, etc.

Look at your monitoring and evaluation! Does your Action Plan need adjustments?

LINK TO THE CURRICULUM

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Carrying out a curriculum audit and identify the skillset that can be developed through your action plan activities.
- Teaching staff participate in Education for Sustainable Development training.

TIPS

What skills are developed when the project is carried out home and how languages and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) is linked with it, needs to be planned and communicated. Enquiry based, self-directed learning or learning to learn approach using digital tools – an important skill in the new normal.

Find some wonderful courses on the Eco-Schools website: (www.ecoschools.global/webinars), or on the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) website: <https://naaee.org/eepr/learning>

MONITORING & EVALUATION

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Student involvement in monitoring and evaluation.
- The findings from the Monitoring & Evaluation are shared and disseminated.

TIPS

Involve your parents, teaching and school staff to get all the information you need. If you are at home, call them on the phone, or organise an online meeting using platforms like ZOOM or Microsoft Teams.

Sharing and celebrating success with all improves engagement 😊

INFORM & INVOLVE

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Raising awareness on the Eco-Schools programme.
- The positive actions of students are shared with the Eco-Schools network.
- The school/students/parents/teachers are active on social media platforms to ensure online visibility.
Use the hashtags:
#AllSchoolsEcoSchools
#EcoSchoolsStayActive
#Ivegotthepower #handprint

TIPS

The noticeboard can be online. You can also create a dedicated space in the school annual report, or regular magazine/newsletter. Share the Eco Code, Action Plan, Monitoring results on the school website!

Mediums can be the school website, magazine, a local newspaper, or the Eco-Schools website! You can submit your stories through this link: <https://podio.com/webforms/21728820/1514784>

Get inspired from the Eco-Schools Global page and its worldwide network!

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ecoschools.global

Instagram: @ecoschoolsint

ECO CODE

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- The Eco Code reflects the Action Plan, school ethos and the commitment by the school community.
- The Eco Code is prominently displayed.
- When writing the Eco Code, the Eco Committee seeks suggestions from the whole school community and encourage parents to adopt it at home.
- The Eco Code is updated regularly.

TIPS

The Eco Code is your mission statement. It should show – in a positive, clear and imaginative way – the commitment to sustainable development.

Put the Eco Code in a prominent space on your school website and social media! If at home, turn it into a poster and put it up on your window or the fridge door! Let everyone know about it!

You can run competitions to write up the Eco Code, inviting suggestions from different stakeholders, including parents!