

# Deforestation Free Schools Action Plan

There are 5 objectives that a school needs to achieve to get their Deforestation Free School status

## 1 Learn

Learn about tropical forests and deforestation:

- Who and what lives in the forest?
- What everyday products come from tropical forests?
- What can we do to protect forests?

This may be through a class project or a Size of Wales workshop.

## 2 Investigate

Find out which forest-risk products are in your school.

These might range from the ingredients in your school meals to the paper you write on. Use the **Commodity Cards** to learn more about each product.

Record your findings using our **What's in your school?** templates.

## 3 Inspire

Be a **Deforestation Free Champion** and inspire others to take action. This could be:

- A community event or school assembly
- A play or film telling the story of tropical forests and deforestation
- An article for a local newspaper or blog

The format is up to you and you can be as creative as you like.

## 4 Act

Now it's time to use your knowledge to influence change.

Here are some examples of the things you could do:

- Encourage your teachers to use Fairtrade coffee in their staff room
- Ask your school about sourcing FSC Recycled paper and card
- Set up a book exchange to reduce buying new
- Write to your local council about the forest-risk ingredients in your school meals
- Invite your local councillors or Member of the Senedd (Welsh Parliament) to your school for a meeting, so you can present your findings
- Write to your local supermarket about forest-risk products and ask them what they are doing to prevent deforestation and social impacts

## 5 Apply

Apply for your **Deforestation Free School** status:

- Submit a short report, class project or documentary style video of your activities, along with any supporting evidence, such as photos of community events or press cuttings.
- **Celebrate your achievements!** You're on your way to becoming a Deforestation Free School and are already making a difference for forests, people and nature!

