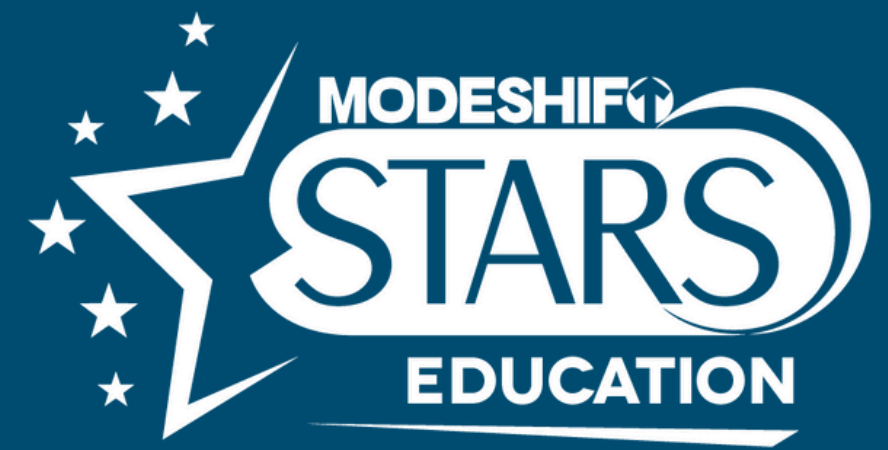
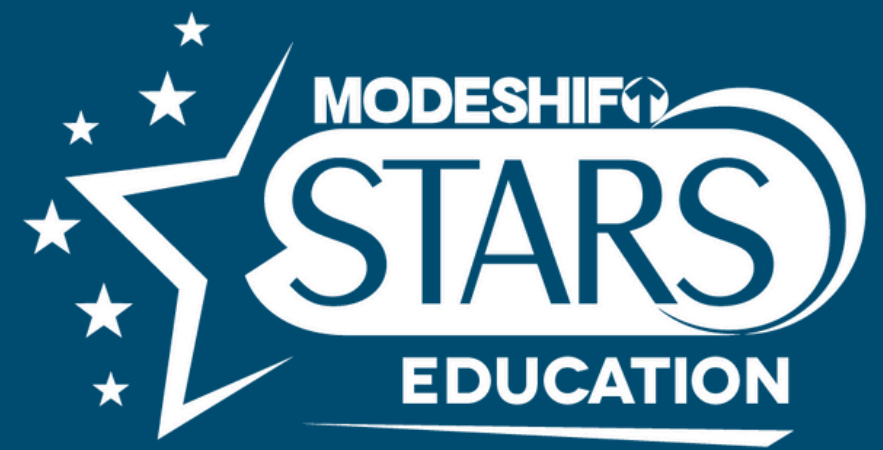


**What is a
Climate ActionPlan?**



The Department for Education states that “A Climate Action Plan is a detailed plan to enable your education setting, or trust, to progress or commence sustainability initiatives. Creating a Climate Action Plan will allow you to take a structured and strategic route toward ensuring your setting or trust is acting toward, and educating about, sustainability.”

Decarbonisation - which includes measures to reduce carbon emissions from travel and transport - is one of the four key categories that make up a Climate Action Plan. Active travel initiatives may also contribute to the *Education and Adaptation* category, by promoting climate and air quality awareness and encouraging behavioural change.



School travel makes up around 25–30% of morning peak-time car traffic[1], which contributes significantly to local emissions, road safety concerns, and physical inactivity. On average, transport contributes about one-quarter to one-third of a school's carbon footprint[2]. It is second only to building energy use, making it a prime target for reduction strategies.

Embedding a School Travel Plan opens up the possibility of creating healthier communities – encouraging walking, wheeling, cycling, and public transport – which in turn reduces pollution, benefits children's health and wellbeing, and holds a position of influence over entire families. By shifting travel habits at the household level, these changes can ripple out into broader community practices, fostering safer, cleaner, and more active neighbourhoods.

School Travel Plans are important because they provide a clear, practical and actionable framework that can be integrated into Climate Action Plans. They help schools achieve and measure reductions in carbon emissions while also supporting education and community engagement objectives.

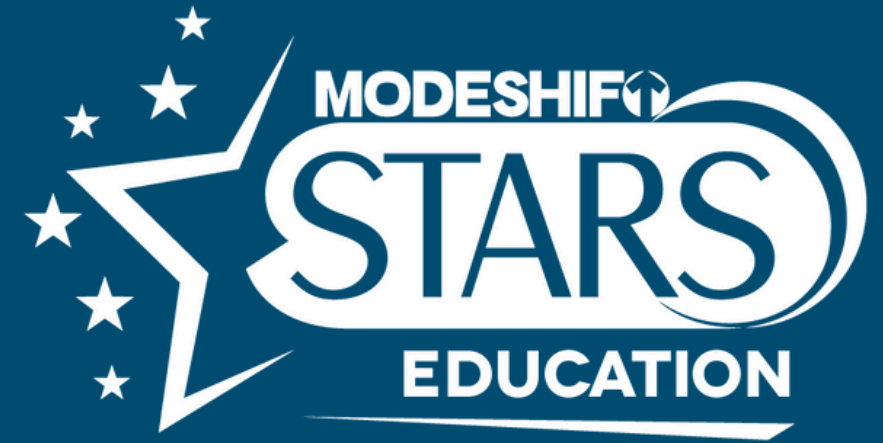
How can Modeshift STARS help?

School Travel Plans provide a practical way for schools to evidence their commitment to Climate Action Plans by cutting emissions, embedding climate education through sustainable travel initiatives, and enhancing health and wellbeing of pupils and staff.

Modeshift STARS provides schools with a structured framework to:

- Develop a School Travel Plan
- Assess current travel patterns
- Set targets to increase levels of walking, wheeling, and cycling to school
- Record and evidence actions taken to reduce emissions

This directly supports the Climate Action Plan requirement by giving schools a way to monitor, evidence and report progress and to embed sustainability by engaging pupils, staff and parents in active travel initiatives.



Stay tuned for a draft template that includes relevant STARS codes and initiatives, which you can tick off as you complete your Climate Action Plan. For now, please see useful Climate Action Plan information below -

Education Nature Park: <https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/user/register>

Sustainability Support for Education: <https://www.sustainabilitysupportforeducation.org.uk/>

Climate Action Plan Platform: <https://www.climateactionplan.org.uk/>

Climate Action Plan Ambassadors: <http://climateambassadors.org.uk>

Climate Action Advisor: <http://letsgozer0.org/join/>