Carbon Reduction Plan

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

The Excellence Classroom is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050. On 19 October 2026 we made the SME Climate Commitment through the SME Climate Hub: to halve emissions by 2030, reach Net Zero by 2050, and report progress every year.

Baseline emissions footprint

Baseline year: 2026, the first year of trading as a sole trader (trading commenced 1 May 2026). Reporting period: 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026, with measured data covering 1 May 2026 to 27 October 2026 and the remainder of the year forecast on the same basis.

We are a small advisory and training practice with no premises, no company vehicles and no manufacturing. Our footprint is mainly home working, business travel and digital services. Emissions were calculated on 27 October 2026 using the SME Climate Hub Small Business Carbon Calculator (v2.1), which applies the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard.

Emissions source	Scope	Baseline (tCO2e)
Company facilities and company vehicles (none owned or operated)	1	0
Purchased electricity, heat, steam and cooling (no premises; home working reported under Scope 3)	2	0
Scope 3 total (categories below)	**3**	**0.81**
Business travel (category 6)	3	0.15
Employee commuting, including home working (category 7)	3	0.57
Upstream transportation and distribution (category 4)	3	0
Waste generated in operations (category 5)	3	0
Downstream transportation and distribution (category 9)	3	0
Purchased goods and services (category 1, reported voluntarily)	3	0.08
Capital goods (category 2, reported voluntarily)	3	0.01
Upstream leased assets (category 8, reported voluntarily)	3	0
Total emissions	**1, 2 and 3**	**0.81**

Scope 3 includes all five categories required by the Technical Standard (categories 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9). Categories 4, 5 and 9 are nil: we deliver services, distribute no physical products and operate no premises, so there is no upstream or downstream freight and no operational waste stream beyond ordinary household waste at the home office. Purchased goods and services, capital goods and upstream leased assets are reported voluntarily, above the required minimum.

Emissions intensity: 0.81 tCO2e per employee. Figures are rounded to two decimal places and comprise measured data to 27 October 2026 with the balance of the year forecast on the same basis. They will be restated at year end if the final position differs.

Current emissions reporting

This is our first reporting year, so there is no prior year for comparison. We will report emissions annually using the same method, so each year can be compared with the 2026 baseline, and publish each report on our website.

Emissions reduction targets

We will reduce our emissions to 0.41 tCO2e or lower by 2030, a reduction of 50% against the 2026 baseline, and reach Net Zero by 2050. Progress against this target will be reported each year in this plan.

Carbon reduction projects

Measures already in place:

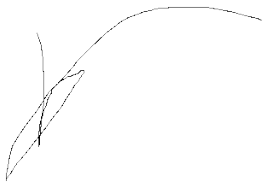
- Home-based working, with no dedicated office and no commuting.
- Digital-first delivery: online training, webinars and electronic resources instead of printed packs.
- Cloud services (Microsoft 365, Netlify) with published carbon commitments, rather than owned servers.
- No company vehicles and no owned premises.

Measures planned for the next 12 months, which account for the largest share of our footprint:

- Home working (0.57 tCO2e, 70% of the total): switch to a certified renewable electricity tariff, replace equipment only at end of life and with energy-efficient models, and improve home-office heating controls.
- Business travel (0.15 tCO2e, 19% of the total): default to online delivery, choose rail over car or air where an in-person visit is needed, and combine visits into single journeys.
- Purchased goods and services and capital goods (0.09 tCO2e): extend equipment life, buy refurbished where suitable, and ask suppliers about their own carbon reduction commitments.
- Measurement: recalculate annually using the SME Climate Hub Small Business Carbon Calculator, and report the result in this plan.

Declaration and sign-off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 and the Technical Standard for the Completion of Carbon Reduction Plans. Emissions have been reported and recorded in line with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard. This plan has been reviewed and signed off by the owner of the business, who is its most senior responsible person.

Signed: 

Halui Angus, Founder and owner, The Excellence Classroom

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