

## Microgeneration in schools

One of the most effective ways to engage the interest of children in the energy agenda must be through interaction with new technologies. The installation of renewable technologies in schools can bring the curriculum to life in ways that textbooks cannot. With schools often being the focal point of communities, the installation of renewables could help shape attitude in the wider community.

The Microgeneration Strategy recognises the importance of educating and engaging children through their schools. Development of a targeted scheme especially for schools was explored, although a new scheme with this particular focus was not developed. Instead, schools are eligible for a couple of different funding sources with the wider benefits of improving buildings, improving energy efficiency and installing microgeneration technologies

The **Low Carbon Buildings Programme** is the Government's £80 million capital grant programme specifically for microgeneration technologies. In particular, phase 2 of the programme makes £50 million available to public sector and charity organisations, including schools, to install microgeneration products. Proposals to proactively target and work with schools formed part of the requirements for inclusion in the phase 2 framework of suppliers.

For more details see the [Low Carbon Buildings website](#)

**Building Schools for the Future** is the Government's multi-billion pound scheme for schools to invest in buildings and ICT over the coming years. Environmentally friendly design features are expected to be incorporated in many of these buildings.

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