



YOUNG people are passionate supporters of the planet, so *First News* and our partner Sky Kids news show, *FYI*, were keen for you to be given a voice ahead of the COP27 climate conference.

So, Sky Kids worked with survey company Opinion Matters to ask 2,000 seven to 14-year-olds their views about climate change. We're going to share what you've said on this page with world leaders and, in particular, with the British Government. You were also able to share your hopes and big ideas for the planet. Read on...

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This survey features on a special climate episode of *FYI*. It's on our app or at [firstnews.com/educationTV](https://www.firstnews.com/educationTV), or scan the QR code. Plus, see it on Sky News and Sky Kids.



What is COP27?

UNITED Nations (UN) climate summits are held every year when governments gather together to agree what they're going to do to limit global temperature rises.

They are referred to as COPs, which stands for 'Conference of the Parties'. The parties are the countries that go along because they signed up to the original UN climate agreement in 1992.

COP27 is the 27th annual UN meeting on climate and takes place in Egypt from 6 to 18 November.

World leaders will be discussing their plans, and new ideas, to tackle climate change.

It follows a year of disasters triggered by climate change, extreme weather events and broken temperature records.

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak did say he's not going to COP27 because, as the new leader of our Government, he has too much to sort out in Britain. However, his official spokesman says that might change.

What will be discussed at COP27?

COP27 will focus on three main areas:

1. Reducing emissions
2. Helping countries to prepare for and deal with climate change
3. Getting tech support and funding for poorer countries

Why does climate change matter?

The world is warming because of emissions produced by things people do – like burning fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal.

Global temperatures have risen 1.1°C and are heading towards 1.5°C, say UN climate scientists.

They say if temperatures rise 1.7°C to 1.8°C above 1850s levels, half the world's population could face life-threatening heat.

To prevent this, 193 countries plus the European Union signed the Paris Agreement in 2015, promising to work together to limit global temperature rises to 1.5°C.



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What do you and your family do to help the planet? (Tick as many as you like)

- **RECYCLE** 89%
- **TURN OFF LIGHTS** 82%
- **WALK/CYCLE TO SCHOOL** 62%
- **EAT LESS MEAT** 27%
- **WE DON'T DO ANYTHING** 2%

Do you think the climate crisis is the biggest issue facing the world?

- **YES** 43%
- **NO** 30%
- **NOT SURE** 27%

What makes you hopeful?



"Adults doing the right things."

"A better life for all living things, to be able to live independently – and peacefully."

"A healthy planet and people doing their bit every day to save it."

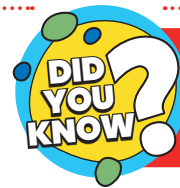
"Animals are protected more and fewer are becoming extinct."

"To leave the planet in a better position than when I came into it."

"I hope all the leaders of the world will take it seriously and do something."

"My generation is more in tune with the current situation that is ruining the planet and, just because of that simple fact, I am hopeful that things will change and the future will be a lot brighter."

"That technology and science will advance and help solve climate change."

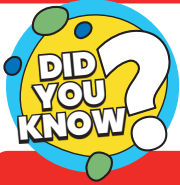


17 million people are thought to be short of food in East Africa because of drought.



Which of the following do you feel when hearing news about climate change? (Tick as many as you like)

- **SCARES YOU** 50%
- **INSPIRES YOU TO TAKE ACTION** 33%
- **DOESN'T BOTHER YOU** 11%



Half of all children say climate change scares them, but they don't think it's too late to save the planet.

Do you think it's too late to save the planet?

- YES 10%
- NO 63%
- NOT SURE 27%

Do you think our government is taking enough action on climate change?

- YES 10%
- NO 49%
- NOT SURE 41%



Bad news ahead of COP27

A report from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) says that the concentration of all three main greenhouse gases reached record levels in 2021.

Methane, carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide are all known as greenhouse gases because they cause heat to be trapped in the Earth's atmosphere, meaning the planet warms up over time.

The levels of all three are going up because of human behaviour such as burning fossil fuels and raising huge numbers of animals to eat.

World leaders at COP27 will be urged to take more drastic action to bring down levels of these gases.

Better news ahead of COP27

The global energy crisis triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine could speed up a move to more sustainable energy. Russia had been the world's biggest exporter of fossil fuels. But the breakdown in supplies since the war began means governments are looking for other reliable energy supplies, says the latest edition of the International Energy Agency's World Energy Outlook report.

It says more than \$2 trillion (£1.75 trillion) a year is set to be invested in global clean energy by 2030. That's a rise of more than 50% from today.

It predicts that coal use will fall back within the next few years, gas demand will level off by the end of the decade, and rising sales of electric cars mean that oil demand will eventually cut back in the mid-2030s.

What big ideas do you have to help the planet?



"Get rich people to help the poor people and tell them not to spend their money on fast cars and big houses when some people can't afford to stay warm and eat."

"All supermarkets should have refill products like flour and pasta."

"Don't buy single-use plastic and give my toys to charity."

"Energy companies' profits to be fully invested in renewables."

"People should use charity shops instead of buying new."

"Go to the moon and sprinkle magic dust onto Earth with a prayer!"

"At the moment, I don't want to have children, which could help."

"Businesses should not be allowed to use power during evening hours. Lots of buildings have all their lights on even though no-one is working."

"Packaging that is compostable which will, in turn, feed the soil to produce rich vegetation."



"Stop buying so many new things. Reuse and recycle."

"Put on a jumper before turning the heating up."

"Companies that make shampoo or shower gel should all start to make refillable products. Bathrooms have way too much plastic."

"More wildlife gardens to help the pollinators."

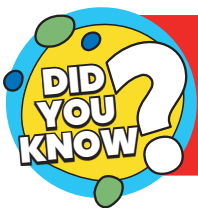
"Pay stations for recycled bottles! Then homeless people can make money and clear the streets."

"Plant millions of trees to keep the world breathing clean air. Stop cutting them down to put houses on them. There is enough land to do that."

"More roof gardens."

"Start growing our own food."

"We should all be doing the right thing. If we did, we could massively change the world."



Only 10% of children think the British Government is doing enough to tackle climate change.

52% of children said they got most of their climate change information at school

Would you like to be taught more about climate change at school?
● YES 81%



Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt, where COP27 is being hosted

This will be the fifth time a COP has been hosted in Africa.

