





There's a climate crisis.

The climate emergency is causing extreme weather events around the world and wreaking havoc with people's hopes and lives, including the fundamental right of all young people to go to school.

Did you know that many children in developing countries are already missing out on school because of climate change? Extreme weather events can destroy school buildings, hotter temperatures can cause diseases to spread and pollution can affect children's health. These and other factors cause children to miss school.

Currently, over half a billion young people are living in areas where flooding occurs often, and nearly 160 million young people live in areas where droughts are common. The impacts on young people's education can be devastating.

All children should have equal access to quality and inclusive education. However, climate change is already undermining this right for many children around the world.



ACTIVITY: Opinion Line

Look at each of these statements, discuss with your friends or family. Where on the opinions line would you place each one?



<p>The climate crisis is the greatest emergency facing people today</p>	<p>Everyone in the world bears an equal responsibility for the climate crisis</p>	<p>The people who bear the greatest responsibility for the climate crisis are the people who live in the world's wealthiest countries</p>
<p>The main impacts of the climate crisis are felt by people living in developing countries</p>	<p>Most people who live in developing countries have contributed very little to the causes of the climate crisis</p>	<p>When I think of the climate crisis, I immediately think of the negative impact it has on schools and children</p>



TOTALLY AGREE

TOTALLY DISAGREE

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<p>Every child worldwide will not receive a quality education as promised in SDG4 unless we tackle the climate crisis</p>	<p>Children have a right to learn more about the climate crisis and how to tackle it</p>	<p>Adults don't listen to children's concerns about the climate crisis</p>
<p>I can do something by myself that will make a difference to solve the climate crisis</p>	<p>The main way to solve the climate crisis is for governments around the world to work together and reduce their emissions</p>	<p>The first thing I would do to tackle the climate crisis is to help children and schools in developing countries protect themselves better from extreme weather and rising sea levels</p>

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Film Clip



Here is a short film to show in the classroom that introduces the topic of climate change and education. Hear from other students how your class can support The Right Climate to Learn!

<https://sendmyfriend.org/resource/2020-campaign-film/>

ACTIVITY 2


Problems




Children don't learn enough about the climate crisis at school




Extreme weather forces schools to close



Diseases spread in warmer temperatures and sick children miss school




The climate crisis means farmers produce less food which can cause hunger




Increasing poverty means children, especially girls, drop out of school



When the land can't be farmed, families are forced to move, and children drop out of school



Droughts mean schools and communities don't have water



Deforestation increases carbon dioxide in the air and reduces soil quality




Adults don't always listen to children's demands for climate action



Extreme weather stops children getting to school



Pollution in cities affects children's health



1. Select 4 problems which you think are the most important, caused by climate change.

ACTIVITY 2

Solutions



The climate crisis is taught on the school curriculum everywhere



Schools are built to withstand extreme weather



Schools plant trees in their communities



Britain leads other countries to cut their emissions to zero eg: develop sustainable energy



Children in richer countries take action to reduce their environmental impact



Governments listen to the voices of children, who will be affected most by the climate crisis



Richer countries help farmers in developing countries adapt to the changing climate



Governments recognise the rights of 'climate refugees' and provide them with assistance



Richer countries provide more money for water and sanitation in developing countries' schools



Schools in richer countries join projects to reduce their carbon emissions



Reduce, re-use, recycle, buy less to tackle climate change



2. Select 4 solutions which will do the most to solve the problems you selected.

ACTIVITY 2

3. Cut the problems and solutions out and stick them on to your heart. Write a persuasive message calling for action for all children to have the right to learn.

