

100 schools cutting bills with Great British Energy solar panels

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100 schools across England now cutting energy bills with Great British Energy solar panels.

- First 100 schools across England have now installed Great British Energy solar panels and are cutting their energy bills with clean, homegrown power
- in total, around 250 schools will benefit from Great British Energy's solar roll-out with millions to be reinvested into schools
- schools and colleges set to save up to an estimated combined £220 million over the lifetime of the solar panel

Classrooms and pupils are benefitting from lower energy bills thanks to Great British Energy-funded solar panels, as 100 schools and colleges have now completed their installations - with around 250 schools and colleges in total to have solar panels by Summer.

Great British Energy and government have targeted schools and colleges primarily clustered in areas of deprivation in the North East, West Midlands and North West, ensuring areas in most need get the support, as well as at least 10 schools in each region of England.

Around 250 schools and colleges are set to save up to an estimated combined £220 million over the lifetime of the solar panels, taking pressure off finances and securing more money to be reinvested in classrooms.

Great British Energy and government is investing up to £255 million in total to install solar and complementary technologies, including batteries, on around 250 schools and colleges, around 260 NHS sites and multiple military sites, generating estimated lifetime savings for vital public services of up to £520 million across schools and NHS sites alone.

It comes as the government and Great British Energy published the £1 billion Local Power Plan last month for communities to own and control clean energy projects, creating revenue for places of worship, social clubs and community centres.

Energy Secretary, Ed Miliband said:

Great British Energy has now helped 100 schools and colleges to save money on bills, meaning more money for textbooks and technology.

Across the country, solar panels are going up on rooftops to power classrooms with clean, homegrown power.

This is our clean energy mission in action, protecting our public services with lower bills and energy security.

Great British Energy's CEO, Dan McGrail said:

Great British Energy is delivering affordable, clean power where it matters.

Reaching 100 schools is an important milestone in our mission to cut energy bills and means more money can be spent on education.

Our Local Power Plan will build on this success so that by 2030, every community in the UK will have the opportunity to own and benefit from a local energy project.

Minister for Education, Josh MacAlister said:

Schools and colleges are saving thousands on their energy bills thanks to our new Great British Solar panels, with the money saved going straight back into our children's education to support pupils to achieve and thrive.

This is all part of our 10-year plan for a decade of renewal to transform the education estate so children and young people across the country are able to learn in brilliant, climate-resilient classrooms that are fit for the future.

Solar panels are not just good for the planet – they are an investment that keeps paying back into our schools and our children's futures, and shows our children that they matter.

This follows the Education Secretary unveiling the new Education Estates Strategy, which sets out a decade of national renewal to transform schools and colleges across the country, so children and young people have high-quality classrooms that are fit for purpose.

Each region includes a further education college which will work with the contractors appointed to promote careers in renewables. This will in turn support growth in the construction and renewables workforce. This could be through work placements, skills bootcamps and workshops.

This follows the government's commitment to curriculum reforms which will strengthen climate and sustainability education across geography, science, citizenship, and design and technology – from primary through to a new Natural History GCSE – helping to ensure pupils understand the planet, climate change and develop the skills for a greener future.

This is alongside the expectation that all education settings have the opportunity to learn in safe and sustainable settings. The government will continue to support all settings with delivering and implementing climate action plans through the Sustainability Support Programme until at least 2030.

Ms Helen Khinich, Kilburn Grange School's Headteacher, said:

Over the past 12 months, we have reduced our electricity use by 35%, and the installation of 28 solar panels on our roof is projected to save our school a further £3,000 a year in energy costs. The Great British Energy's solar programme has really helped schools drive down energy costs and provide much needed funds to reinvest into core education, as well as trips and experiences that make a real difference to children.

Alun Williams, CEO of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust, said:

We were delighted for Peasedown St John's Primary School to be part of the Great British Energy solar panels project. We are already seeing the positive impact of the solar panel installation in the form of reduced energy costs. These savings have been reinvested into providing high quality resources for the children at the school.

Notes to editors

List of 100 schools

School Name	Postcode	Local authority	Region	MP
Clowne Junior School	S43 4BS	Derbyshire	East Midlands	Natalie Fleet
Firbeck Academy	NG8 2FB	Nottingham	East Midlands	Lilian Greenwood
Westfield Primary Academy	CB9 0BW	Suffolk	East of England	Nick Timothy
Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	RM16 6SA	Thurrock	East of England	Jen Craft
St Marys C of E Academy	SG5 4DL	Central Bedfordshire	East of England	Alistair Strathern
Roydon Primary Academy	CM19 5HN	Essex	East of England	Chris Vince
Laureate Community Academy	CB8 0AN	Suffolk	East of England	Nick Timothy
Kedington Primary Academy	CB9 7QZ	Suffolk	East of England	Nick Timothy
Place Farm Primary Academy	CB9 8HF	Suffolk	East of England	Nick Timothy
Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	SE19 2JH	Croydon	London	Steve Reed
Kilburn Grange School	NW6 7UJ	Brent	London	Georgia Gould
Halley House School	E8 2DJ	Hackney	London	Ms Diane Abbott
Harris Primary Academy Benson	CR0 8RQ	Croydon	London	Natasha Irons
Harris Garrard Academy	DA18 4DW	Bexley	London	Ms Abena Oppong-Asare
Bowburn Primary School	DH6 5FP	County Durham	North East	Alan Strickland
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Blackhill	DH8 8JD	County Durham	North East	Liz Twist
Ebchester CofE Primary School	DH8 0QB	County Durham	North East	Liz Twist
St John's Church of England Aided Primary School	DL4 2EQ	County Durham	North East	Sam Rushworth
St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College	DL14 6JT	County Durham	North East	Sam Rushworth
Westoe Crown Primary School	NE33 3NS	South Tyneside	North East	Emma Lewell
Prince Bishops Community Primary School	DL14 8DY	County Durham	North East	Sam Rushworth
Mortimer Community College	NE33 4UG	South Tyneside	North East	Emma Lewell

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Christ's College	SR4 8PG	Sunderland	North East	Bridget Phillipson
Wyvern Academy	DL3 9SH	Darlington	North East	Lola McEvoy
St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School	TS3 6PX	Middlesbrough	North East	Andy McDonald
Riverside Primary School	NE29 6DQ	North Tyneside	North East	Sir Alan Campbell
St Hild's Church of England School	TS24 9PB	Hartlepool	North East	Jonathan Brash
Hebburn Lakes Primary School	NE31 2SL	South Tyneside	North East	Kate Osborne
Tyneview Primary	NE6 3QP	Newcastle upon Tyne	North East	Mary Glindon
Christ The King RC Primary School Manchester	M40 1LU	Manchester	North West	Lucy Powell
Acton C of E Primary Academy	CW5 8LG	Cheshire	North West	Aphra Brandreth
Lime Tree Primary Academy	M33 2RP	Trafford	North West	Mike Kane
Benchill Primary School	M22 8EJ	Manchester	North West	Mike Kane
Dixons Brooklands Academy	M23 9BP	Manchester	North West	Mike Kane
Ladybarn Primary School	M20 4SR	Manchester	North West	Jeff Smith
The East Manchester Academy	M11 3DS	Manchester	North West	Lucy Powell
Whalley Range 11-18 High School	M16 8GW	Manchester	North West	Afzal Khan
Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School	PR5 6PB	Lancashire	North West	Maya Ellis
Croxteth Community Primary School	L11 0BP	Liverpool	North West	Dan Carden
Litherland High School	L21 0DB	Sefton	North West	Peter Dowd
Litherland Moss Primary School	L21 0DB	Sefton	North West	Peter Dowd
Horton Mill Community Primary School	OL4 1GL	Oldham	North West	Debbie Abrahams
St James CofE Primary School, Farnworth	BL4 9QB	Bolton	North West	Yasmin Qureshi
Four Oaks Community Primary School	L5 1XP	Liverpool	North West	Kim Johnson
Park Brow Community Primary School	L32 6QH	Knowsley	North West	Anneliese Midgley
St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School	WN7 2XG	Wigan	North West	Jo Platt
Blackpool Gateway Academy	FY1 6JH	Blackpool	North West	Chris Webb
Dukesgate Academy	M38 9HF	Salford	North West	Yasmin Qureshi
Littlemoor Primary School	OL4 2RR	Oldham	North West	Debbie Abrahams
Unity Academy Blackpool	FY2 0TS	Blackpool	North West	Lorraine Beavers

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Marton Primary Academy and Nursery	FY4 5LY	Blackpool	North West	Chris Webb
Malvern Primary School	L14 6XA	Knowsley	North West	Ian Byrne
Broken Cross Primary Academy and Nursery	SK11 8UD	Cheshire East	North West	Tim Roca
Stockton Wood Community Primary School	L24 3TF	Liverpool	North West	Maria Eagle
Upton Priory School	SK10 3ED	Cheshire East	North West	Tim Roca
Lyndhurst Primary and Nursery School	OL8 4JD	Oldham	North West	Jim McMahon
Cardinal Langley Roman Catholic High School	M24 2GL	Rochdale	North West	Mrs Elsie Blundell
Co-op Academy Medlock	M13 9UJ	Manchester	North West	Afzal Khan
Cravenwood Primary Academy	M8 5AE	Manchester	North West	Graham Stringer
Mount Carmel Roman Catholic High School, Hyndburn	BB5 0LU	Lancashire	North West	Sarah Smith
Dixons Croxteth Academy	L11 4SG	Liverpool	North West	Dan Carden
Oasis Academy Leesbrook	OL4 5JE	Oldham	North West	Debbie Abrahams
The Albion Academy	M6 6QT	Salford	North West	Rebecca Long Bailey
Woodchurch High School	CH49 7NG	Wirral	North West	Matthew Patrick
Oasis Academy Clarksfield	OL4 1NG	Oldham	North West	Debbie Abrahams
Oasis Academy Oldham	OL8 4JZ	Oldham	North West	Jim McMahon
Dallam Community Primary School	WA5 0JG	Warrington	North West	Sarah Hall
Tameside College	OL6 6NX	Tameside	North West	Angela Rayner
Lostock High School	M32 9PL	Trafford	North West	Andrew Western
Co-op Academy Hillside	CH43 9HG	Wirral	North West	Alison McGovern
Co-op Academy Portland	CH41 0AB	Wirral	North West	Alison McGovern
Oasis Academy Broadoak	OL6 8QG	Tameside	North West	Angela Rayner
Meadowside Community Primary and Nursery School	WA2 9PH	Warrington	North West	Charlotte Nichols
Charles Warren Academy	MK6 3AZ	Milton Keynes	South East	Emily Darlington
Whiteknights Primary School	RG2 8EP	Wokingham	South East	Yuan Yang
Oasis Academy Sholing	SO19 8PH	Southampton	South East	Darren Paffey
Iqra Slough Islamic Primary School	SL2 5FF	Slough	South East	Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi
Oasis Academy Skinner Street	ME7 1LG	Medway	South East	Naushabah Khan
Notre Dame RC School	PL6 5HN	Plymouth	South West	Fred Thomas
St Boniface's RC College	PL5 3AG	Plymouth	South West	Fred Thomas

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	BH12 4DZ	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	South West	Jessica Toale
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Axminster	EX13 5BE	Devon	South West	Richard Foord
Peasedown St Johns Primary School	BA2 8DH	Bath and North East Somerset	South West	Anna Sabine
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	PL4 9BE	Plymouth	South West	Luke Pollard
All Saints' Academy	GL51 0WH	Gloucestershire	South West	Cameron Thomas
St White's Primary School	GL14 3GD	Gloucestershire	South West	Matt Bishop
Richard Lee Primary School	CV2 5FU	Coventry	West Midlands	Mary Creagh
Ormiston SWB Academy	WV14 0LN	Wolverhampton	West Midlands	Pat McFadden
Kingsbury School - Tamworth	B78 2LF	Warwickshire	West Midlands	Rachel Taylor
All Saints Bedworth CofE Academy	CV12 9HP	Warwickshire	West Midlands	Rachel Taylor
Woodloes Primary School	CV34 5DF	Warwickshire	West Midlands	Matt Western
Oak Meadow Primary School	WV11 2QQ	Wolverhampton	West Midlands	Mrs Sureena Brackenridge
Feversham Primary Academy	BD3 9EG	Bradford	Yorkshire and the Humber	Imran Hussain
Oasis Academy Nunsthorpe	DN33 1AW	North East Lincolnshire	Yorkshire and the Humber	Melanie Onn
West End Academy	WF 9 4QJ	Wakefield	Yorkshire and the Humber	Jon Trickett
Trinity Academy Akroydon	HX3 6PU	Calderdale	Yorkshire and the Humber	Kate Dearden
Francis Askew Primary School	HU4 6LQ	Kingston upon Hull, City of	Yorkshire and the Humber	Emma Hardy
Trinity Academy St Peter's	HX6 1HB	Calderdale	Yorkshire and the Humber	Kate Dearden
Kingsway Primary School	DN14 5HQ	East Riding of Yorkshire	Yorkshire and the Humber	David Davis
Walkley Primary School	S6 2RZ	Sheffield	Yorkshire and the Humber	Abtisam Mohamed

Lifetime energy bill savings estimates are calculated on the total project value (including match-funding), using DESNZ assumptions agreed with delivery partners. These estimates are undiscounted and calculated net of operating costs. They remain uncertain, as they are sensitive to key input assumptions, particularly future electricity retail prices.

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