



Support for Greta

In February 2019, 224 scientists and **academics** gave Greta's protests their full support.

As Greta's popularity and influence grew, she was invited to speak at important events around the world to share her concerns about climate change. Greta's speeches cover four main themes:

- global warming is so serious that it will lead to the end of the world as we know it;
- adults are stealing the future of young people by not acting;
- we must act now if we want to change the future;
- decision makers must listen to scientists if the world is to undo its mistakes before it is too late.

Fridays for Future

In 2018, when Greta was 15 years old, Sweden experienced heatwaves and wildfires; Greta knew that she needed to act.

At the start of the new school year, Greta decided to strike. She said that she would not attend school for three weeks. Instead, she began to protest by sitting outside the Swedish government building and handing out leaflets about what she called 'the climate crisis'.

Greta was furious that governments around the world – including her own – were not doing everything that they could to stop climate change. News of her protest quickly spread and attracted attention both online and on TV. Children around the world agreed with Greta and joined in with her protest.

On 8th September 2018, Greta said that she would strike every Friday until her government began to act. She started a movement known as 'Fridays For Future'.

There have now been over 5,200 strikes by young people around the world who share Greta's concern for the future of their planet.

Glossary

academics – A teacher or scholar.

climate change – The change in the temperature and climate of an area or planet which is caused by carbon dioxide. It is also known as global warming.

activist – A person who campaigns to bring about a change.

carbon footprint – The amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere as a result of the activities of a person, organisation or community.