



SCENARIO CARDS

Environmental Futures, Health 2050
and Future of Learning

1. The Heatwave School Year

Temperatures stay unusually high for months. Afternoon lessons regularly reach 32–34°C indoors. Students report headaches, arguments increase, and attendance drops. Exams are approaching and school refuses to move dates.

2. The Water-Use Crackdown

After a regional drought, the school receives a strict water quota. Toilets, taps, and cleaning schedules all have to be reduced. Tempers flare as students fight for access. Hygiene concerns rise.

3. The Green Divide

The government introduces mandatory carbon tracking for schools. A report labels your school “high-impact,” sparking fierce online criticism. Students feel ashamed, defensive, or angry, and arguments break out daily.

4. The Silent Stress Epidemic

A student survey reveals that 60% feel stressed “most days,” but few ever ask for help. Teachers realise the issue is worse than expected. Some deny it; some panic. Students don’t know who to approach.

5. The Canteen Collapse

Global supply-chain issues mean school meals become repetitive and less nutritious. Students grow tired, sluggish, and snappy. PE teachers complain about collapsing energy levels. Families can’t easily cover the gap.

6. The Ever-Growing Rubbish Problem

Local recycling facilities shut down after contamination problems. Rubbish piles up around the school bins faster than council services can collect it. Students feel embarrassed and demotivated by the environment.

7. The Vanishing Green Space

Your school’s only field is fenced off due to soil instability. No timetable changes are made. Students suddenly lose their outdoor space for PE, social time, and cooling off during breaks.

8. The Noise Crisis

New infrastructure work begins next to the school. Drilling, trucks, and generators disturb lessons all day. Students with sensory sensitivities suffer the most; some stop attending. Teachers struggle to be heard.

9. The Attendance Drop

A strange pattern emerges: students are attending school, but many spend breaktimes hiding indoors or avoiding social spaces. Teachers aren't sure why, and rumours about "mental burnout" start circulating.

10. The Community Tension Spike

Energy prices rise sharply. Students from different backgrounds argue about whose families "have it easy" and whose "waste too much." Class discussions become heated, and friendships fray under the pressure.