The Hidden Opportunity in Your School Car Park

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How Your School Can Lead the EV Revolution

Every day, you shape the future—nurturing young minds, building community, and championing progress. But what if one of your school's most overlooked assets—your car park—could unlock new funding, deliver significant cost savings, enhance staff wellbeing, and position your school as a leader in sustainability?

Thanks to the UK Government's £63 million EV Infrastructure Grant, announced on 13 July 2025, that opportunity is now within reach. With 8,100 eligible schools in our network, we're here to help you seize this moment and turn your site into a model for clean, modern infrastructure.

Many Schools Haven't Considered This—Yet

For many schools, EV infrastructure still feels like a future goal—complex, expensive, or out of scope. But with the EV Infrastructure Grant for Staff and Fleets offering up to £75,000 per school (up to £15,000 per site, across five sites), and covering 75% of installation costs, the case for action is strong and immediate.

If your school has five or more parking spaces—and many in our network have 10, 20 or even 30+—you're likely eligible to transform your car park into a hub for clean transport, education, and community leadership.

Why This Opportunity Matters

The UK is accelerating towards a net-zero future, with 382,000 electric vehicles sold in 2024, and EVs accounting for 21.6% of new car sales in 2025. By 2030, the government aims to reach 300,000 public chargepoints and phase out new petrol and diesel vehicles. Schools, as central community institutions, are uniquely placed to lead this change.

Administered by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV), the grant empowers your school to install EV chargepoints for staff and fleets—delivering immediate value and long-term benefits.

1. **Unlock Major Cost Savings**

- Support Your Staff: Charging EVs at school, especially at off-peak rates (as low as 2p per mile), is significantly cheaper than petrol or diesel (15p–23p per mile). Staff could save up to £1,500 annually per vehicle—a meaningful boost to wellbeing.
- Reduce Fleet Costs: Electrifying school minibuses or maintenance vehicles cuts fuel and upkeep expenses. Combined with the Electric Car Grant (up to £3,750 per vehicle, launched 16 July 2025), this becomes an affordable, impactful shift.
- Affordable Investment: The grant covers 75% of installation costs—up to £15,000 per site (£850 per active chargepoint, £500 per passive infrastructure space). Schools typically contribute £5,000–£15,000 per site—a small outlay for long-term savings.

2. **Champion a Cleaner, Healthier Environment**

Transport accounts for 29% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. Installing EV charge points helps:

- Improve air quality, especially for students who are more vulnerable to pollution-related health risks.
- Align with the UK's 2050 net-zero goal and the 2030 Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandate, which targets 28% EV sales by 2025.
- Support the 40% of households without driveways by offering public access after hours, bridging local charging gaps and strengthening community ties.

3. **Inspire Through Education and Leadership**

Your school can be more than a place of learning—it can be a centre of innovation and community leadership.

- Educational Impact: Incorporate EV infrastructure into sustainability, science, or technology curricula—giving students real-world exposure to green innovation.
- Community Engagement: Make your school a hub for sustainable transport by opening chargepoints to local residents after hours.
- Reputation Enhancement: Showcase your commitment to sustainability, attracting eco-conscious families, staff, and community partners.

4. **Future-Proof Your Campus**

With EV adoption rising rapidly—82,000 public chargepoints already in place, and 300,000 targeted by 2030—future demand is guaranteed.

- Active Chargepoints: Deliver immediate charging solutions for staff and electric fleets.
- Passive Infrastructure: Install low-cost cabling and posts (£500 per space) now to avoid costly retrofits later.
- Scalability: Schools with 10, 20 or 30+ parking spaces can maximise funding and prepare for long-term EV integration.

Is Your School Eligible?

Many schools already meet the criteria, including:

- State-funded schools (public sector bodies)
- Private schools with fewer than 250 employees, registered with Companies House or VAT-registered with HMRC
- Schools with 5+ designated parking spaces for staff or fleet vehicles
- Schools that have received under £200,000 in public support over the past three financial years (state aid rules)

Our Network’s Commitment to You

We’ve developed a dedicated support system to help schools make the most of this opportunity:

- Trusted Installer Connections: We'll match you with OZEV-authorised installers who understand the education sector.
- Tailored Guidance: Access school-specific case studies, templates, and expert support to streamline your project.
- Priority Access: Schools ready to act will receive personalised assistance to maximise funding before the 31 March 2026 deadline, or earlier if funds are exhausted.

A Vision for Your School

Imagine your students walking past EV chargepoints on their way to class—visible reminders of the clean energy future they're inheriting. Imagine staff saving on transport, cleaner air in your neighbourhood, and your car park becoming a trusted asset for local families.

This isn't just about infrastructure. It's about vision, leadership, and creating a legacy of innovation and care.

We're here to guide you every step of the way, and to share stories from schools already leading the transition.