**Rationale:**

The Litter Control Policy was put in place to enhance the school environment and is in keeping with the vision statement of Scoil Ghormáin Naofa.

**Aims/Objectives:**

* To ensure the school premises and surrounding areas remain litter free
* To foster a spirit of civic duty and responsibility in the children
* To promote an awareness of environmental issues by presenting the school premises as a clean, tidy, cared for area
* To maintain a clean and visually appealing working environment for children and staff
* To ensure we remain a Green School.
* To reduce our carbon footprint along with our rubbish bin collections.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

All stakeholders play their part, particularly the teaching staff and especially the children all under the guidance of the Green School Coordinator and committee.

**Policy Content:**

* At the beginning of each new school year, the Green School Coordinator and the class teachers outline school policy regarding littering to students and parents.
* The class teacher reinforces these guidelines on a regular basis as does the Principal when necessary. Spot checks will happen in each class conducted by the Green School committee.

**Class/School Procedures**:

* Personal litter i.e. lunch box contents are to be brought home each day. Children/Parents are encouraged to have wrappers removed (where possible) before filling lunch boxes
* All other wrappers and lunch papers are to be put into the lunch box before exiting for lunch break
* There are two clearly labelled bins in each room –

1. Recycling 2. Rubbish

* Pencils are to be pared into the class bin marked Rubbish.
* Children are forbidden to throw litter on the school yard.
* Children are asked to pick up stray litter **even** if it is not their own, but only items that they recognise (eg wrappers)
* The area outside the school wall and along the roadway comes within the remit of the school litter policy. This will be maintained in the presence of school staff.
* The contract cleaners will empty each bin into the appropriate outside bins on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
* Staff room – each teacher will be responsible to recycle appropriately in the staffroom and use the labelled bins.
* The Green School committee with guidance from Siobhan should bring the large bin to the gate for collection on Friday for the weekend collection.

**Parallel Procedures:**

* Individual class guidelines on litter control are regularly delivered
* The Green School Committee conduct spot checks in each classroom to ensure the bins are up to standard.
* Curriculum areas such as S.P.H.E. and S.E.S.E. are used to reinforce instructions
* Integration with other curriculum areas such as visual arts is encouraged, for example, litter posters
* The revised school Healthy Eating Policy further reduces the amount of litter/wrappers in the typical lunchbox

**Success Criteria:**

The effectiveness of the litter policy will be assessed through;

* Continual Observation by the Green School Committee
* Parental feedback
* Visual impact on school environment
* End of year review and recommendations

Ratified by Board of Management

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Chairperson

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal

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