

# Anti-Litter Policy

## Carrick Primary School



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### Vision Statement

Forward Together: “Ar aghaigh le cheile”.

### ***Mission Statement***

In Carrick Primary School we aim to provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment, in which to realise and celebrate the academic and non-academic potential of all our pupils. We expect our pupils to work hard and for parents to assist us in laying the important foundations for future learning. We recognise that children have a detailed and an intimate knowledge of our school’s provision and processes, particularly teaching and learning. We will draw upon this knowledge in order to make improvements.

### Aims

#### **In our school we aim to:**

- Develop and strengthen each pupil’s understanding and love of Catholic values by promoting the Catholic ethos throughout the school;
- Create a safe, enjoyable learning environment in which effective learning is facilitated and quality teaching is provided;
- Implement all aspects of the Northern Ireland Curriculum;
- Help our pupils to develop a positive attitude towards life and a love of learning;
- Value, respect and nurture every child in our care;
- Encourage pupils to respect themselves and others and to support and care for one another;
- Equip our children with the necessary life skills to enable them to participate in a fast changing society;
- Endorse the United Nations’ Convention on the Rights of the Child and work towards the implementation of policies and practices which reflect the Convention; and
- Involve the parents, Board of Governors and wider community in the life of the school and in the holistic development of the children in our car

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## ANTI-LITTER POLICY



### ***United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child***

Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health care. They receive clean water, nutritious food and **a clean environment**, so they can stay healthy.

We, the staff of Carrick Primary School, endorse the Convention on the Rights of the Child and are working towards the implementation of policies and practices which reflect the Convention.

### **AIMS/RIGHTS**

- Carrick Primary School seeks to be a litter free area where pupils, staff and visitors respect the school buildings and site.
- Pupils in our school have the right to learn in a clean and healthy environment.
- The school strives to teach respect both for the environment and the belongings of others.
- The school should try to recycle waste wherever possible.
- All members of the school have the right to suggest ways to improve the school environment.
- All members have a responsibility to be involved in litter duties, as appropriate, to keep the school litter free.
- All staff have a duty to support pupils in their effort to deal with litter problems.

## **ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY:**

- To put litter in a bin;
- To use the recycling boxes for white paper;
- To recycle ink cartridges;
- To use double sided photocopying where possible;
- To use resources thoughtfully;
- To reuse resources where possible; and
- To assist the cleaners and site supervisor where possible in ensuring the cleanliness of the site.

## **THE CARETAKER HAS A RESPONSIBILITY:**

- To empty external and internal waste bins;
- To assist in maintaining a clean site;
- To arrange and co-ordinate waste disposal from the site;
- To ensure items are disposed of safely; and
- To encourage the children and staff to share responsibility for keeping the school and grounds litter free.

## **THE ECO COUNCIL HAS A RESPONSIBILITY:**

- To listen and respond to questions from members of the school community;
- To promote an awareness of the anti-litter policy through work within the school; and
- To encourage pupils, staff and school councillors to share responsibility for keeping the school and the grounds litter free.

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING:**

Carrick Primary School provides teaching and learning opportunities, which develops the pupils' understanding of the anti-social and environmental effects/impacts of littering.

## **REVIEW OF THE ANTI-LITTER POLICY:**

The Anti Littering Policy shall be reviewed every two years. As part of the review process all members of the school community will be consulted.

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

It is the responsibility of the whole school community to work together to keep the school and grounds litter free. The Eco Committee and Mr Mullholland will report on the condition of grounds and buildings termly as part of ongoing Eco-Schools targets.

Signed: Mrs Anne Cassidy (Principal)

Signed: Mr Michael Keenan (Chairperson of Board of Governors)

(Date): 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Review Date: May 2018