

# Ysgol Gynradd Caerau Primary School

## School Litter Policy

### Introduction:

This policy was first implemented in March 2023, drafted by the pupils on the school's Eco-Committee. It applies to all persons who use the school premises and relates to all school activities.

### Aims / Objectives:

- ✓ To raise an awareness of our environment.
- ✓ To create an atmosphere where the pupils and staff of Caerau Primary School have the right to learn/work in a safe, clean, and healthy environment.
- ✓ To create good habits with regards to litter disposal.
- ✓ To develop knowledge of what can and cannot be recycled.
- ✓ To foster a spirit of civic duty and responsibility in the pupils.
- ✓ To raise standards of cleanliness in the school and beyond the school buildings, to the car park and areas around the school.

### Roles and Responsibilities:

Litter Control is a shared responsibility of all stakeholders particularly the teaching staff and especially the pupils, and everyone has their part to play. This will be carried out under the direction of the Head Teacher (JRo) and the Eco-School Leaders (ARD & AJ). The Eco-Leaders are responsible for the overall compliance and will monitor the litter situation daily, alongside the Eco-Committee.

- A litter picking rota, created by the Eco-Committee, is on display on each corridor. These sheets are monitored weekly by the Eco-Leaders and Eco-Committee.
- Each eco-committee member is assigned to a specific "class" and is responsible for ensuring the students in their class carry out their cleaning duties and initial the rota, indicating if pupils have carried out their duties.
- Each eco-committee member is on supervision duty during break time. Two students are on clean up duty per day in each area.
- The playground, classrooms, corridors, and wider school grounds are to be clean, tidy and free of litter - providing a clean, comfortable, secure environment for all.
- Dustpans, brushes, litter picks and hoops are provided in each learning environment.
- Eco-Committee members and on-duty teachers to monitor the cleaning of the canteen, ensuring the correct school recycling procedures are being adhered to.

All members of the school community have a responsibility:

- Not to drop litter - sanctions apply to those who do, in the form of community service.
- To pick up litter that is lying around.
- To use recycling bins whenever possible.
- To assist the caretakers and cleaning staff in maintaining a clean school.

Class / School Procedures:

- Personal litter will be put in the class bin or placed in school bags to be taken home.
- Classrooms are monitored by individual teachers and eco-committee members.
- Eating and drinking are not permitted within the school corridors or indoor learning environment areas unless specific permission is given by the class teacher.
- Chewing gum is not permitted at Caerau Primary School.
- Pupils are forbidden to throw litter in school buildings and surrounding areas.
- Pupils are asked to pick up stray litter even if it is not their own.
- Pupils are reminded to recycle any litter that can be recycled appropriately.
- The perimeter of the school comes within the remit of the school litter policy.
- To conduct set community litter picks outside of the school environment to promote our school's litter policy in the wider community.

Policy Content:

At the beginning of each new school year, teachers will give guidance to all pupils, outlining the school's policy regarding littering. The class teacher reinforces these guidelines on a regular basis as does the Head Teacher, Eco-Leaders and the Eco-Committee, including school assemblies.

Success Criteria:

The effectiveness of the litter policy will be assessed through:

- ✓ Continual observation;
- ✓ Pupil, Staff and Parental feedback;
- ✓ Visual impact on school environment;
- ✓ End of year review and subsequent recommendations.

Review Procedures:

The Head Teacher and Eco-Leaders shall review the policy, as required, based on the above success criteria alongside the school's Eco-Committee.

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

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Chair of Governors

Eco Leader

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Policy due for review: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023