

## **Edenhurst Preparatory School**

### **Anti-Litter Policy Working together for a cleaner environment**

26th April 2018

Edenhurst Preparatory School seeks to be a litter free area where pupils, staff and visitors alike respect the school buildings and site. The school strives to teach respect for the environment, the school, the community, the global environment and for the possessions of others through the curriculum and ethos of the school.

#### **Aims/Rights**

- 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, reduce and reuse waste wherever possible.
- All members of the school have the right to suggest ways to improve the school environment.
- Pupils and staff have a responsibility to be involved in litter duties, as appropriate, to keep the school litter free.

The school is registered on the Eco-Schools' Programme, with the Eco council - formed from children (Form 2 - Prep 6) and staff. Year 6 children inspect the school grounds on a weekly basis, with litter picking being a feature. The dropping of litter and the deliberate vandalism of buildings, on site, are deemed as acts contrary to our ethos. These issues are dealt with appropriately in line with the school behaviour and discipline policy.

#### **Responsibilities**

We accept our responsibility to maintain a sustainable environment for future generations.

It is the responsibility of the whole school community to work together and to keep the school and grounds litter free. The Eco Council will report on the condition of the grounds at each Eco meeting, as part of the ongoing Eco-School activities.

All members of the school community have a responsibility:

- To put litter in a bin
- To use the recycling boxes for paper

- To use resources thoughtfully
- To reuse resources where possible
- To assist the caretaking team where possible in ensuring the cleanliness of the site

**The Caretaker has a responsibility:**

- To empty external waste bins.
- To assist in maintaining a clean site.

**The Eco Team 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.
- To complete site litter inspections (within areas safely accessible to pupils).
- To check that classes/ pupils on the litter rota are aware of their responsibilities.

**Local area litter picks**

The school have pledged to take part in three local area litter picks during each school year with Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council. There will be one litter pick each term. Form 2, Prep 4 and Prep 6 each complete one local area litter pick each year.

**Teaching and Learning:**

Edenhurst Preparatory provides teaching and learning opportunities which support pupils so they are able to discuss and understand the anti-social effects of littering and vandalism. Pupils are engaged in practical work to foster their understanding of the impact of this anti social behaviour and the school works to promote litter free communities. The link between caring for and respecting the world we live in is made through many aspects of our teaching and learning.

The school will promote respect for the work and belongings of others through the taught curriculum and through assemblies; and enforce the code of conduct for the school which reminds everyone not to drop litter and to respect the work and belongings of others.

**Review of the Anti Littering Policy**

The Anti Littering Policy shall be reviewed yearly. As part of the review process all members of the school Eco Council will be consulted.

*To be reviewed: April 2019*