



## **St. Mac Dara's C.C.**

### **Litter Policy**

#### **Mission Statement**

"We, the community of this College, through a caring and collective approach, aspire to provide a broad-based education for all, to foster respect and dignity and to promote a safe and just environment by positively encouraging all to realise their potential".

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 25/5/2020 [date].

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### Introduction:

This policy will be implemented in Spring 2020. It applies to all persons who use the school premises and relates to all school activities.

### Aims / Objectives:

- To foster an awareness of our environment.
- To create an atmosphere where the students and staff of St. Mac Dara's Community College have the right to learn/work in a safe, clean and healthy environment.
- To create good habits with regards to litter disposal.
- To foster a spirit of civic duty and responsibility in the students.
- To raise standards of cleanliness in the school and beyond the school buildings, to the car park and areas around the school and indeed the wider community.

### Overview:

Litter Control is a shared responsibility of all stakeholders particularly the teaching staff, ancillary staff and especially the students, and everyone has their part to play. This will be carried out under the direction of the Principal and Deputy Principals along with the help of specific teachers involved in the Green Schools/Anti-Litter Programme.

### Student's roles and responsibilities:

- Students have the responsibility to maintain a healthy, clean school environment by following good practice and the school rules.
- Each student is asked to dispose of their litter correctly, using the bins provided and to clean up after themselves whilst having lunch in the canteen.
- Students are expected to apply this approach to the corridors, classrooms, grounds outside and indeed the wider community.
- Each class is expected to participate in canteen "clean-up". It has been an integral part of the upkeep of the college every year. The rota is pre-devised and classes on duty are given notice of their allocated week/weeks on duty. Teachers on duty monitor and assist these students on a daily basis.
- Each year prefects assist in the monitoring of canteen clean-up. When a student fails to attend, their tutor is informed and the student is placed on canteen clean-up for an extra day.
- Students in non-exam classes may also be expected to participate in litter collection based on a rota during certain classes, preferably non exam subjects. Bags, gloves and litter pickers are provided for this task and it should be completed within 15 minutes.
- Eating is not permitted within the classroom.
- Chewing gum is not permitted on the school grounds.

- Chairs are to be placed on the class tables each evening, by the students, before the caretaker comes in.

#### Sanctions:

- Students who violate the litter policy will be punished by way of detention on Wednesday afternoons.
- Individual teachers who catch students in the act of littering are asked to enter a note in the individual student's school diary stating the incident and placing them on detention for the next available Wednesday.
- Teachers are then asked to enter this students name in the "Litter Detention" book in the staff room under the date of the next available Wednesday.
- Detentions for littering (including chewing gum) will take place on Wednesday's at 1 pm in room H6 and will be supervised by teachers involved with the programme.
- As per school rules, students who fail to attend detention will be suspended.

#### Policy Content:

At the beginning of each new school year, tutors will give guidance to all students outlining school policy regarding littering. The class teacher reinforces these guidelines on a regular basis as does the Principal and Deputy Principal at school assembly. All teachers, especially teachers of CSPE, SPHE and ESS are asked to incorporate our anti-litter programme in their subject planning.

#### Review Procedures:

The Principal /Deputy Principal shall review the policy as required based on the above success criteria.

Signed: Pamela Keenan Date 25/5/2020

Chairperson of the Board of Management.

Signed: Debra Ward Date 25/5/2020

Chairperson of the Board of Management

Policy due for review: Date: May 2021

