



BALLYKEEL PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT **ANTI LITTER POLICY**

Our Vision

We aim to be an outstanding school, at the heart of the Ballykeel community, that continually strives for excellence by providing a rich, broad and balanced education which meets all our children's needs, interests and aspirations.

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

Ballykeel Primary School and Nursery Unit seeks to be a litter free area where pupils, staff and visitors alike respect the school buildings and grounds. The school strives to teach respect both for the environment and for the possessions of others through the curriculum and ethos of the school.

AIMS

- Pupils in our school have a 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 strives to recycle waste wherever possible.
- 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All Members of the School Community:

- To put litter in a bin
- To use containers provided for recycling, for example paper, card, plastic and food
- To use resources thoughtfully
- To use double sided photocopying where possible
- To assist the cleaners and building supervisor, where possible, in ensuring the cleanliness of the site

The Building Supervisor Supported by the Cleaning Staff:

- To empty internal and external bins
- To oversee and assist in maintaining a clean site
- To arrange and co-ordinate the disposal of waste from the site
- To encourage the children and staff to share responsibility for keeping the school and grounds litter free
- To support and assist with recycling

The Eco Committee:

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

Teaching and Learning

Ballykeel Primary School and Nursery Unit will promote respect for the environment through the taught curriculum and assemblies, and we provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. We value the environment and provide opportunities which support pupils to discuss and understand the anti social effects of littering and vandalism. On the basis of these values we:

- Accept our responsibility to maintain a sustainable environment for future generations
- Understand the place of human beings within nature
- Understand our responsibilities for other species
- Preserve balance and diversity in nature wherever possible
- Preserve areas of beauty and interest for future generations
- Repair wherever possible, habitats damaged by human development and other means

The whole school community has the responsibility to work together to keep the school and grounds litter free and to commit to all recycling initiatives.

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years.

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