

POLICY ON ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS – ST KEVIN’S COLLEGE

The staff of St Kevin’s, aided by signs on the corridors and in the classrooms, constantly remind the students that this is their school, that it belongs to them and they must take responsibility for it.

The school is newly painted and every classroom, the corridors and the toilets are thoroughly cleaned each evening so that the students begin each day in a building that is bright, clean, tidy and litter-free and they are strongly urged to maintain it in this condition. With this in mind, food and drink may be consumed only in the school yard and on the corridors.

The fact that all students have access to personal lockers does away with the need to store books and other belongings under desks or on classroom floors.

Conscious of the negative effects of graffiti and vandalism and the way they tend to lead to further anti-social activity, all graffiti are instantly removed and the rare damage caused by vandalism is repaired as quickly as possible.

Every effort is made to keep all school property and fittings maintained to the highest standards.

The new doors, double-glazed windows and the major repairs carried out on the roofs of the building all contribute to heat conservation..

It is hoped to cut down on electricity wastage over a period of time by ensuring that lights are switched on only when necessary.

A number of litter bins have been placed in the school yard. These bins, together with the increased awareness among the students, have resulted in the yard becoming largely litter-free.

Both the extensive tree planting around the perimeter and the shrubberies greatly enhance the school grounds. These shall continue to be well-maintained.

No student may smoke in the school building or grounds. Teachers and visitors may do so only in a specially designated area.

Transition Year students have taken part in Conservation Volunteer Ireland projects. Such initiatives among the student body shall be encouraged and facilitated.

The school rules forbid chewing-gum being brought into the school as it may damage clothes, furniture and clothing.

In certain cases, collecting litter, brushing floors etc may be used as a sanction for misbehaviour.

We have a Green Schools Committee which encourages students to consider the environment and work towards a cleaner school environment. This is done through educating the students on environmental issues such as recycling etc..

Our immediate objectives are to make everybody in the school aware of the importance of recycling waste and to have both the school building and the grounds totally litter-free. We shall then set ourselves more ambitious targets, such as getting the students to separate their waste into different bins etc.