



## GREEN SCHOOLS POLICY

*As members of the Ratoath College school community, we acknowledge and encourage the individual and collective responsibilities of our students and staff in creating a clean, green and sustainable environment. We endeavour to promote student led, long-term and whole-school action, instilling a sense of ownership and pride in improving the environment and participating in Green Schools.*

### **Single use plastic free school**

Students asked to bring their own **reusable water bottle and lunch box** to school each day. **Single use plastic bottles are not permitted.**

### **Paper recycling**

'Paper Only' bin in every classroom to collect **paper materials only**. This is emptied into the main recycling bin outside the school building by each class.

### **Litter policy:**

Students must bring home their own rubbish to dispose of it responsibly. This includes waste/leftovers from break/lunch. Students must consume their lunch in the classroom at break times and at lunch before going out on yard.

### **RC Green Schools Leadership Team:**

Our Ratoath College Green Schools Leadership team are responsible for monitoring our **whole school approach** to sustainability and reducing waste. Leading green schools class competitions and rewarding both individual and group achievements. Encouraging a whole school approach to green schools' initiatives, including securing and maintaining the green school flag.

### **Photocopying:**

Double sided photocopying encouraged to reduce waste. Teachers are allocated a photocopying credit at the beginning of the year to use accordingly, preventing unnecessary photocopying.

### **Dialann:**

Communication with parents via the Dialann and a text message service is used in order to reduce the amount of paper used. Letters are sent out to parents when necessary.

### **Conserving energy:**

Energy awareness posters displayed in each classroom. Lights are turned off when classrooms are empty, and radiators turned down before opening windows. Appliances turned off when not in use, e.g. overhead projectors.

### **Conserving water:**

Water awareness posters displayed in both student and staff bathrooms. Taps turned off when not in use.

*We have read and understand the Ratoath College Green Schools Policy and agree to comply with the above conditions.*

***Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí***



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Signature)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature)

This policy was passed by the Board of Management on the 15 June 2022.

