

## ***Kent School Anti Litter Policy***

*Kent 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 both for the environment and for the possessions of others through the curriculum and ethos of the school.

*Kent School* will:

- Enforce the code of conduct for the school which reminds everyone not to drop litter and to respect the work and belongings of others
- Promote respect for the work and belongings of others through the taught curriculum and through assemblies

The school is a registered Eco-School and Clean Kent School, and as such litter picks are regularly carried out within the school grounds. The dropping of litter and the deliberate vandalism of buildings on site are acts which are contrary to our ethos. Suitable sanctions are imposed on those that break these rules.

### **Definition of Littering**

The crime of littering listed in The Environmental Protection Act (1990) includes school premises. Clause 87 states that anyone littering or causing littering is guilty of an offence and it is the governing bodies' responsibility to ensure that the school land is litter free. Schools can face a fine of up to £2,500 and be charged an extra daily fine on top if they are taken to court.

### **School Policies**

All school policies promote respect and care for the school, community and global environment.

### **Curriculum**

*Kent School* provides a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils. The school acknowledges the Statement of Values by the National Forum for Values in Education and the Community which state:

We value the environment, both natural and man made. 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

## **Teaching and learning**

*Kent School* provides teaching and learning opportunities which support pupils 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 closely with community organisations to promote litter free communities. The link between caring for and respecting the world we live in is made through all activities.

## **Incidents**

Pupils found to be littering or vandalising school buildings or grounds will:

- be sent to the Headteacher
- have their name and details added to school incident book
- be Sent to discuss action with year or Key Stage
- have their parents informed and asked to discuss the incident
- face the possibility of exclusion if appropriate

## **Review of the Anti Littering Policy**

The Anti Littering Policy shall be reviewed annually. As part of the review process all members of the school community will be consulted.

## **Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of the whole school community to work together to keep the school and grounds litter free. The Action Team and Clean Kent Champions will report on the condition of grounds and buildings fortnightly as part of ongoing Eco-Schools activity.