

# Kingsdown School

## Anti-Litter Policy

### 1. Introduction

Litter is an environmental issue; Kingsdown School, under the Environment Protection Act 1990, has an obligation to keep the school grounds free of litter. All school policies promote respect and care for the school, community and global environment.

### 2. Aims and Scope of this Policy

Kingsdown School seeks to be a litter free area where students, staff and visitors alike respect the school buildings and site. All members of the school community have the right to work and socialise in a safe, pleasant and happy environment.

The way the school environment is managed and maintained should provide an example to students of how to respect and care for a building and its grounds; it can also demonstrate the school values and recognises their needs. Students and the wider school community should be involved in the development and management of the school grounds.

We acknowledge that high expectations and a positive ethos are key elements of overall school effectiveness by providing a good learning and teaching environment. At Kingsdown School we teach respect both for the environment and for the possessions of others through the curriculum and ethos of the school.

Kingsdown School will:

- Promote respect for the work and belongings of others through the taught curriculum and through assemblies.
- Recycle or reuse waste wherever possible in the bins provided.
- Ensure that eliminating litter remains a high profile agenda item.
- Provide appropriate means for disposal and recycling.

Eating of food should take place only in the designated picnic areas; chewing of gum is not permitted. The dropping of litter and the deliberate vandalism of buildings on site are deemed as acts contrary to our ethos. Suitable sanctions are imposed on those who break these rules.

### 3. 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 body's responsibility to ensure that the school land is litter free.

#### 4. Teaching and Learning

Kingsdown School provides teaching and learning opportunities which support students to discuss and understand the anti-social effects of littering and vandalism. Students are engaged in practical work to foster their understanding of the impact of this anti-social behaviour and the school is aiming to work as closely as possible 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.

#### 5. Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the whole school community to work together and to keep the school and grounds litter free.

Our school community should:

- Regard litter clearing as a positive environmental action, which will also help foster a sense of personal pride and responsibility in students.
- Demonstrate that litter prevention improves the environmental quality of the school and the neighbourhood.
- Be aware that the school grounds provide the visitor with the first impression of the school and will influence the attitude and behaviour of the students.

Signed   
Mrs E Leigh-Bennett  
Headteacher

Signed :   
Mrs L Scragg  
Chair of Governors

Date : 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Date : 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019