

Title: St.Finbarr's Boys N.S. Water Policy

Introductory Statement: St. Finbarr's Boys N.S. is currently in the second year of working on the Green Schools Water Theme. As part of this programme it is necessary that St.Finbarr's N.S. has a water policy in place, promoting education and awareness of water conservation.

Aims: The aim of the Water Theme and our Water Policy is to implement a sustainable water programme and raise of awareness of and engagement in related issues. The staff, pupils and wider school community are committed to this aim.

Practices, Procedures & Community links: St.Finbarr's N.S. aims to significantly reduce water consumption in the school and promote awareness of water conservation through education in the curriculum subjects, guest speakers, action days, water forums, visits to water treatment facilities etc. Water awareness, news, competitions and activities are also promoted through our school Water Blog. The Green Schools Committee meet on a weekly basis and pupils are allocated tasks such as Energy Monitors, Composting, Litter Pickers etc. The school continues to work on maintaining and improving previous Green Themes such as Litter & Waste, Energy.

In our water education the pupils have learned that saving water is not just about saving money. Water is an important resource and a sufficient supply of clean water is essential to the health of people and

the environment. All of our food production and agriculture needs water.

We have tackled the four steps in the Water Theme:

- Analyse the Problem
- Devise an Action Plan
- Measuring Success
- Maintenance

St.Finbarr's Boys N.S. will work on maintaining reduced water consumption levels. We will know from regular monitoring if and when changes in water consumption (up or down) occur.

As time goes on we may need to adjust our action plan to help maintain the success of water management in St.Finbarr's Boys N.S. and to continually promote awareness.

Roles & Responsibilities: School Principal, Teresa Pigott and Green Schools Committee members- Mr.O'Meara, Ms.Hurley and Ms.Herlihy.

Implementation Date: School year 2013-2014

Ratification: Formally ratified 24th March 2014

Review: This policy will be reviewed annually.

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