

# Eco-Schools Action Plan

SCHOOL NAME Firrhill High School

Eco-Schools Topic: Litter

Date Range of this Plan: November 2016 to November 2018

Sustainable Development Goal (number & topic):

<b>Action</b> What are you going to do?	<b>Responsible</b> Who's in charge?	<b>Timescale</b> When will it be done by?	<b>Progress</b> How can we monitor it?	<b>SDG</b> What links are there to your school's SDG?	<b>Evaluation/Development</b> Was the action successful? How will you build on this in the future?
January 2018, S2 PSE classes made posters, which were scanned and laminated for display and also for the plasma TV screen. Ask all teachers put posters up in their classrooms and suggest the swap them.	Mrs Kerr, Mrs Dunn, C Hargest, Paul Denvir, Miss Statham, Mr Hollis	September 2018	See if littering improves. Also see if the posters remain on display or if they forget to display them or take them off the walls, Pupils to check this!		Too soon
Regular litter picks by classes	Miss Statham, DHT Class teachers	On-going	Weigh the litter		Not much difference seen but birds pick rubbish out of the bins and the wind also blows it out of the bins Pupils still littering on way back from Tesco at lunch time too.
Ask the staff in the school canteen to use less packaged foods	Senior Pupil Council Miss Statham DHT	On-going	See if request is listened to and remind them if not		Some progress made – recently introduced jugs of water available in school dining room so fewer plastic bottles are bought

**Our overall aim/s for this Topic and Goal:**

**Reduce littering and promote using litterbins, reducing the amount of packaging in the school canteen**

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Meeting with about litter with City of Edinburgh council officer Eric Cummings	C Hargest	April 2017	Large no of leaflets delivered to flats see if less dumping in the area of Oxgangs flats		Posters about not littering given to display and leaflets about council uplifts delivered in July 2017
City of Edinburgh council officer Eric Cummings met with Head Teacher	Graham Hamilton HT	2018	See if new labels on bins help. Also CEC displayed posters on local lamp posts		Not really successful as labels on bins are confusing and pupils just use nearest bin even if it says it is designated as recycling they put landfill in it
Travel plan sites more litter bins required or larger ones. Ask CEC	Mark Symonds	End of 2018	See if improvements are made		
Joint school litter pick in local area with Braidburn School and Oxgangs Primary School pupils and staff and our senior students	Senior Student Council, House Captains	7 November 2017	Weigh litter collected		Good event litter collected and weighed
Litter pick by Environment group when busy sitting or cleaning bird nest boxes in school grounds	C Hargest J Chidwick	September 2017 December 2018	3 bin bags of litter collected in total		Improved appearance of school grounds

Issue of littering raised by C Hargest at the Parent Council meeting: littering in side and also in the school grounds and local area and taken further by Chair, Head teacher and Environment Group leader	Graham Hamilton Fred Bell	6 November 2017			Improvements made and some changes made in janitorial staff team
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**Eco-Schools Topic: Waste Minimisation**

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Pupils encouraged to recycle plastic bottles, in special bins bought by the Eco-committee and labelled by pupils.	Miss Statham, DHT Mrs Barley	On-going since 2016	See if pupils are using the bins to recycle bottles		Yes going well
Book Swap/giveaway event in school library at lunchtime for a week	Mrs Hargest, parent and Mr McCann librarian, The Environment group members	We have an ongoing annual book swap/give-away since November 2015. It takes place in November/December. An additional February Book Swap event added in 2018 to coincide with World Book Day	See how many pupils take part in the event (could see how many are left over or count books before and after the event but some are added during the week and this would be an extra chore)		Very successful February was the 6 <sup>th</sup> swaps / giveaways event we are now doing two book swaps / giveaways each year. The school library adds a number of good quality books to its collection and pupils and their families enjoy receiving books. Surplus books are kept for next time or donated to charity shops.
Vision Aid Overseas glasses and sunglasses collection at school and in the community: Oxgangs Library, Colinton Parish Church, City of Newcastle golf club, Swanston golf club, Oxgangs Primary School.	Mrs Hargest, parent Miss Statham, DHT	On-going collection in the community the school collects just before the Easter Break	Count the number of pairs donated – this has been greater every time!		Very successful numbers of donated glasses is increasing each year. 2013 – 35 pairs 2014 - 86 pairs 2015 – 110 pairs 2016 – 150 pairs 2017 – 280 pairs 2018 – 360 pairs

Judo Club has donated second hand suits for new members to use, donated by David Gibson parent.	David Gibson Mr Marquez	One off donation			Promotion of club required to bring in new members. Mr Marquez has now moved on.
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**Our overall aim/s for this Topic and Goal:**

**To increase recycling, to reduce waste through reuse – to recycle plastic bottles and bottle lids, hold an annual Book Swap/giveaway event in the school library, to donate unwanted glasses and sunglasses to Vision Aid Overseas for re-use in Africa and to place collection boxes in the community too. Pop-up Thrift Shop run by PTA donations of unclaimed lost property to needy teenagers and disposal of poorer quality items in clothing bank**

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Parent Teacher Association Pop-up Thrift Shop for labelled items of uniform	PTA	On-going since March 2017 and takes place every time there is a younger year group parents' evening	See if popular and clothes sell		
Unclaimed good quality lost property clothing donated to needy teenagers	Office Staff	On-going			Yes was going well the donations are well received, but then our member of staff left
Lost property poorer quality items go to a clothing bank	Admin Staff	On-going	Could weigh it, could monitor how often it is done.		Adding an extra chore of weighing clothing is not practical as increases work load
New Re-used Hair salon equipment donated fitting from Ali Harvey "Dudes and Divas", Gorgie, enabled FHS to have great new hair salon for teaching National Progression awards	Tracy Graham CL expressive arts	Opened October 2016 ( although this project is just outside of time but not mentioned in previous application!)			
Bottle tops have also donated to Waverley Care Milestone for recycling and for decorating work shed	Mrs Barley C Hargest	On-going since 2016 donations received, although shed finished			

<p>Spylaw Park Mural S1 pupils using donated left-over paint designed and created a lovely mural in Spylaw Park for a building where there was previous graffiti.</p>	<p>Mrs Graham Miss Kirkwood</p>	<p>Development of idea and mural completed in May 2017</p>	<p>Progress in design being chosen ad pupils doing work</p>		<p>Mural is still in good condition and has not subject to graffiti</p>
<p>Recycled Fashion show high school pupils worked with Braidburn School pupils making fashion out of old materials and had a catwalk show</p>	<p>Mrs Barley Mrs Graham Braidburn staff</p>	<p>Fashion show on 17 May 2017 this event is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eco fashion show at FHS and very successful</p>			<p>this event is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and very successful pupils, parents and staff enjoyed it</p>
<p>Xmas Market second hand books sold by parents from Environment Group as part of RSPB stall</p>	<p>C Hargest J Chidwick</p>	<p>9 November 2017 also raised £60 for RSPB</p>	<p>Very useful event with opportunities to promote the work of the RSPB</p>		<p>Successful</p>
<p>Two sets of refurbished bagpipes on loan from the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust</p>	<p>D Alsop Pipe band Club Chair</p>	<p>January 2017</p>			

# Eco-Schools Action Plan

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**Eco-Schools Topic:**Travel

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Pupils to meet with Mark Symonds Road Safety and Active Travel and Liaison Officer, and design a travel survey for pupils and staff. Then 2 further meetings to discuss the results of the survey which form the basis of the new travel plan, with action points to work on.	Mark Symonds CEC C Hargest Pupil Council	Initial meeting December 2017 travel plan should be signed off in October 2018	Good response rate to survey Produce and "sign off" the Travel plan.		Very good response rate 331 pupils and 58 staff took part in the survey (3x £10 Amazon vouchers donated by Environment group as an incentive). We have based the new travel plan on the survey answers. We need to address the action points at the Pupil Council
Cycle Friendly Secondary school award - Initial Assessment meeting with Peter Jackson, Cycle Scotland	S Thomson R Isdale P Denvir C Hargest	18 December 2018 Initial inspection. Hope to achieve award by January 2019	To improve our scores in each of the three sections, but the aim is to increase the number of pupils who cycle and make the experience more enjoyable for those who already cycle.		We are progressing towards this award
Film Trip to <i>Divided</i> , Edinburgh Cycling Festival. Stella Thomson donated tickets.	C Hargest S Thomson P Denvir	18 March 2018	Ask pupils and parents for their feedback – they enjoyed it!		Yes it was an enjoyable event – we considered buying more tickets so that pupils could go to more Cycling Festival events but after taking part In the Match the Mile Challenge we are now going to have a free showing of <i>Divided</i> at the school.
Parent Council meeting asked if the school would like to work towards CFSS and which members of staff would assist	C Hargest S Thomson R Isdale	Sept 2018			Yes school and parents support the idea. Progress towards achieving the award

**Our overall aim/s for this Topic and Goal: Promote sustainable travel by updating the school travel plan (created in October 2013) to work on the action points raised by the Travel Plan and also work towards becoming a Cycle Friendly Secondary School. Overall promoting cycling and sustainable travel**

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Match the Miles Challenge, for pupils and staff to count the number of miles they cycle during the challenge period	C Hargest P Denvir	22 – 29 April 2018	Counting the miles we achieved each day of the challenge. People who took part enjoyed it. We came 5 <sup>th</sup> out of 10 schools taking part.		It needed more publicity. The stationary bike miles at school were not logged (and the new fitness suite was not fully operational). Reporting the number of miles done was difficult. The Garmin reporting system was difficult to use so we emailed results. Communication was difficult. Not many pupils participated though a lot of staff cyclists took part.
Learner driver bike aware training for S6 year group. May suit younger age groups too, can be followed by a practical cycling session if wished	Andrew Abbess Martin Hollis	2 October 2018	Feedback from pupils		
Velodrome outing, may get funding from Cycling Scotland Development Fund	Calum Watson, P Denvir, teachers	Postponed	Emailing regarding arrangements, Mr Denvir meeting with Mr Watson		Unfortunately plans and costings for this trip were made but this event did not take place as the teacher moved on
Bike Club	Calum Watson, Stella Thomson Kerr Sproul, Sustrans	Summer term, April – June Wednesdays after school	Obtain feedback from pupils -		No the club was not advertised well and not well attended. After the summer holiday the teacher moved on so the club stopped. Also Kerr was too busy to teach some bike maintenance.
Road improvements	C Hargest David Hall Cllr Jason Rust	Summer term	Reported potholes and pavement problems repaired by CEC/Amey		Yes already the access road from the rear of school has been resurfaced by AMEY and some potholes temporarily repaired
Ethos Day Glentress outing	Miss Statham	Ethos day 2018	N/A		This event did not take place
Lockers for cyclists are needed - ask for Development Funding from Cycling Scotland. Pupil role model Louis Moore to go on November focus day to gain support for the project. The initial action to contact Matthew Wilberton Cycling Scotland	C Hargest D Hall Business Manager	June 2019	See if we get lockers installed		
Email Mrs Kerr asking Rights Respecting School Award Group to discuss the right for a pupil to choose to wear a helmet without being mocked” and “the right to choose to cycle to school without the fear of being bullied”	Mrs Kerr C Hargest	March 2018	Two separate discussions took place by RRSA pupils’ group		See if pupils choose to cycle and wear helmets more, or if fewer incidents of concern are reported.
Transition Cycle ride from Bonaly Primary School and including cycling back via Colinton Dell – new S1 pupils	D Jeffries C Hargest S Thomson	May 2018 (and 2017)	On-going annual cycle		Pupils enjoyed it good uptake with incentive of including the trip into the Dell
To have more cycling careers represented at the Job Fair, invited Road safety officers plus Cycling UK. have asked Cycling Scotland and Sustrans to come to next year’s Job Fair	C Hargest Business and Enterprise Group of the Parent Council	June 2018 and 2019	On-going event so representatives will be invited back each year		Pupils engaged in discussion and it was a popular stall with great bike freebies!
Park Smart Banner from Road Safety Officer for Braidburn fence nr PE block	L Henderson C Weir	Obtained June permission to affix in September 2018	See if congestion and dangerous parking by PE block is reduced		Monitor banner staying attached to fence too
Hands Up survey	M Symonds J Statham	Annual participation every September	Whole school		Going well!