

CBS Kilkenny 61550G

Sustainability

School Improvement Plan August 2025 - May 2028

Improvement Targets

- **Target 1-** To reduce the monthly ratio of general waste to recycling waste leaving our school campus from 4:1 general waste to recycling to 1:2 general waste to recycling.
- **Target 2-** To increase the amount of students and staff who cycle and walk to school from 10.5% of students to 20% and from 10% to 20% of staff.

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| Summary of main strengths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strong student and parent support for sustainability initiatives (evidenced by SSE surveys). ● Existing Green Schools Committee and Climate Action week. ● Staff willingness to engage in health and transport-related improvements. ● Whole-school awareness of climate action and environmental impact. ● Positive uptake of reusable bottles and low resistance to plastic reduction. |
| Summary of main areas prioritised for improvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High volume of general waste compared to recycling output. ● Low percentage of students and staff walking or cycling to school. ● Inconsistent infrastructure to support waste reduction and active transport. ● Need for structured student leadership roles in sustainability actions. ● Limited data monitoring of behavioural change over time. |
| Actions to support implementation of School Improvement Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve waste signage and station layout in the school building. ● Lead school-wide awareness campaign on correct recycling. ● Promote zero-tolerance on single-use plastic bottles; monitor uptake of reusable alternatives. ● Conduct annual transport surveys to measure baseline and track progress. ● Host Cycle & Walk to School Week and promote active transport. ● Implement cycle safety workshops and route planning guidance. ● Improve bike storage and promote secure, weather-proof facilities. |

| <i>Improvement Target 1</i> | <i>Required Actions</i> | <i>Persons Responsible</i> | <i>Measurable Outcomes/Success Criteria</i> | <i>Timeframe for Actions</i> | <i>Review Dates</i> |
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| We hope to reduce the monthly ratio of general waste to recycling waste leaving our school campus from 4:1 general waste to recycling to 1:2 general waste to recycling. | <p>Improve waste signage and station layout in the school building.</p> <p>Lead school-wide awareness campaign on correct recycling.</p> <p>Promote zero-tolerance on single-use plastic bottles; monitor uptake of reusable alternatives</p> | Aisling Eoin Hannah | <p>Ratio measured quarterly, trend shows progress by May 2026.</p> <p>All bins correctly labelled by Nov 2025.</p> <p>Campaign implemented by March 2026.</p> <p>90%+ students using reusable bottles by 2027.</p> | <p>Implementation from Sept. 2025 onwards.</p> <p>New facilities in place by Sept 2026.</p> | <p>Will be reviewed in May 2026, May 2027.</p> <p>Final survey will be completed in May 2028.</p> |

| <i>Improvement Target 2</i> | <i>Required Actions</i> | <i>Persons Responsible</i> | <i>Measurable Outcomes/Success Criteria</i> | <i>Timeframe for Actions</i> | <i>Review dates</i> |
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| We want to increase the number of students and staff who cycle and walk to school from 10.5% of students to 20% and from 10% to 20% of staff. | <p>Conduct annual transport surveys to measure baseline and track progress.</p> <p>Host Cycle & Walk to School Week and promote active transport.</p> <p>Implement cycle safety workshops and route planning guidance.</p> <p>Improve bike storage and promote secure, weather-proof facilities.</p> | <p>Caroline</p> <p>Andrew</p> | <p>20% of students and staff walking or cycling by May 2028.</p> <p>Participation increases year on year.</p> <p>Course completed by 100+ students each year.</p> <p>New facilities in place by Sept 2026.</p> | <p>Implementation from Sept. 2025 onwards.</p> <p>New facilities in place by Sept 2026.</p> | <p>May 2026, May 2027.</p> <p>Final Survey completed in May 2028.</p> |