**St. Anne’s Community College,**

**Clarisford,**

**Killaloe,**

**Co. Clare.**

Dear Student,

 As a school we are endeavouring to achieve our first An Taisce Green Flag for “*Litter and Waste”* and build on the already excellent work in promoting litter and waste initiatives within the school.

In order to achieve this, the first of seven steps of this Green School Programme is to set up a student-led Green Schools Committee. This committee will comprise of ten leadership roles within the school (See the attached document titled *Green Schools Committee in a Post Primary School*). The committee members will represent the whole student community and will comprise of the following (1st. year (one member), 2nd. Year (one member), 3rd. year (one member), TY (five members), 4th. year (one member) and 5th. year (one member).

Once the committee is in place students will complete an audit of our existing litter habits. Then an An Taisce “Neat Streets” co-ordinator will meet the group and help achieve the other remaining six steps with a view to our school achieving its first green flag. The green flag can only be achieved though the direct involvement of a student led green schools committee and in turn this green school committee must show how they informed and involved the whole school as well as the wider community. For more information on the green schools programme please visit <https://greenschoolsireland.org/>.

The Green-Schools programme gives an opportunity to take ownership of an environmental issue and create a positive change in their local community. Taking an active role in achieving an international environmental award is a prestigious achievement and will be a notable addition to a student’s curriculum vitae.

Being part of a Green-Schools Committee helps build confidence, ability to problem solve and improve communication and organisational skills. We want to put in place a Committee who are proactive, independent and effective in leading the environmental campaign in our school.

If you are interested in applying for these student-led leadership roles, please complete the attached “Green Schools Committee Expression of Interest Form” overleaf carefully. Based on your application, shortlisting will take place and Interviews will be held in the very near future where the positions will be filled.

If you have any questions please ask any the Green School co-ordinators (Green School Committee support team) listed below.

Yours Faithfully,

**Green School Co-ordinators**

**Mr. C. Hayes; Ms. L. Farrelly; Mr. R. Murray; Ms. M. Ryan; Ms. D. Denning; Mr. E. Nihill; Ms. G. Madden.**