**St. Anne’s Community College,**

**Clarisford,**

**Killaloe,**

**Co. Clare.**

Dear Student,

As a school we are endeavouring to achieve our An Taisce Green Flag for “*Energy”*, maintain and build on our existing Green Flag status for “Litter and Waste”.

In order to achieve this, the first of seven steps of the Green Schools Programme is to set up two student-led Green Schools Committees. These committees will comprise of ten leadership roles for “Energy” and ten leadership roles for “litter and waste” within Transition year (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 (two members), 2nd Year (two members), 3rd Year (two members), TY (ten members), 4th Year (two members) and 5th Year (two members).

Once the committee is in place students will complete an audit of our existing energy and waste habits. Then the An Taisce “Neat Streets” manager will meet the group and help them achieve the other remaining six steps with a view to our school achieving its second green flag for Energy. 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 the relevant “Expression of Interest Form” (Energy or Litter & Waste). 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.**