**Knockconan NS Green Schools Environmental Review September 2020**

This review took place in September 2020 after the school reopened having been closed from March that year. This is an extraordinary time

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| **Green Schools Global Citizenship Litter and Waste** | **Observations** |  |
| Litter and waste  review | We now have more than twice the number of children in the school than when we started Green Schools but less than twice the waste |  |
| Covid effect September 2020 | The teachers have had to reconfigure rooms and clear away everything that is not necessary by recycling or using skips to ensure that the bubbles and pods can work.  We sent as much as possible for recycling  All of our recycling collection bins have been emptied and contents sent for recycling to the relevant companies  (ie batteries, stamps, printer cartridges, phones)  Coats and uniforms left behind from last year have gone to recycling or the charity shop  Teachers have been reminded to print and photocopy less |  |
|  | Extra bins are now provided for paper towels and wipes because of Covid. We think this might bring extra waste. |  |
| School Grounds Litter review | Litter on the grounds is not created by the school as no snacks or food is allowed outside.  We decided to get rid of the bins on the playground as they were attracting litter and wasps  We will do litter checks instead but litter levels are low |  |
| Plastic bottles | School encourages re-usable bottles for water and there are now very few plastic bottles going into the recycling bins.  We looked at how plastic bottles can be recycled.  If they are thrown away they don’t rot away for hundreds of years. Little bits of plastic that gets into the water are called micro-plastics. They end up in our water |  |
| We need a Green School Code | ***Going Global, Starting Locally agreed*** |  |
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