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Dear Parents / Carers, Pupils and Staff,

### **Recycling & Waste Collections New Regulations - April 2024**

From 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024, there are new regulations that have come into effect with regards to recycling and waste collections for all workplaces. These regulations are for all businesses, charities, and public sector organisations such as schools. The new regulations mean that we need to separate our recyclable materials in the same way most households already do.

#### **Why was the law introduced?**

Wales is currently third in the world when it comes to recycling waste from households. The current household recycling rate is just over 65% and helps save around 400,000 tonnes of carbon emissions each year. The aim is to build on the success of household recycling and ensure high recycling rates across workplaces too. The new law will help improve the quality and quantity of materials collected for recycling.

#### **What is the new law?**

These new regulations mean that materials need to be separated for collection and collected separately. This includes food waste, metal, plastic and cartons, cardboard and paper etc.

#### **What will this look like at Porthcawl Comprehensive School?**

To move forward with these new regulations, we have changed several our on-site practices and waste management procedures. **The main change that impacts pupils and staff is the introduction of recycling bins/recycling stations around the school site.**

These bins/stations are located in recreational areas, yard spaces, entrances to buildings etc and also within inside spaces such as canteens, communal areas, classroom blocks and foyer areas.



Pupils and staff **must** dispose of their waste materials in the following way.

- **Black bin** – general (non-recyclable materials)
- **Red bin** - metal, plastic and cartons
- **Blue bin** - cardboard and paper
- **Green bin** – food



We operate two large canteen spaces and within each of these spaces there will be separate stations for recycling / disposal of food. The **green bins** will be located here and in other areas such as the staff room and Food Technology / Catering classrooms.

Each day, approximately 300-400 pupils bring a packed lunch to school and use the canteen facility to eat their food at lunch time. Packed lunch

waste materials can be disposed of in our recycling bins / recycling stations, or all waste materials can be taken home.

To ensure everyone disposes of their waste materials in the correct way each bin is clearly labelled, and **blue, black** and **red** bins are located together as a 'recycling station'. We will discuss these changes with pupils and staff at assemblies, during registration time and at meetings.

These new regulations mean that new practices must be followed on school site.

I thank you all for your support with this.

Best wishes,

Mike Stephens

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Headteacher