

[School Name]

Benefits of becoming an Ambassador School:

* Recognition that you are an inspirational flagship Eco-School.
* Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful will post ‘Ambassador School’ highlights on their social media platform to showcase good practice.
* Ambassador schools will advise on support resource gaps that Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful can create.
* Ambassador schools will be considered first for publicity videos and photographs.
* Ambassador Eco-School will receive a certificate/plaque to display in the school promoting its position as an example of excellence.
* Ambassador Schools will be supplied with the Ambassador Eco-School logo which they may use on their website, correspondence etc.

Ambassador Schools will:

* Approach other non Green Flag Eco-School in their area (with help and advice from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful) to mentor them through their first Green Flag award.
* Complete a case study every 3 years to showcase examples of good practice.
* Be expected to renew their Green Flag every two years as normal
* Train new Eco-Coordinators to ensure a seamless transition and maintain Ambassador School status, even during staff changes.
* Be asked to attend events such as Cluster Group meetings, project celebrations and larger Eco-Schools events when suitable. At these events Ambassador Eco-Schools may be asked to present or share ideas with other Eco-Schools.

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| **Essential criteria for Ambassador Eco-Schools** | |
| The school has been awarded Green Flag status at least twice. | Yes/ No |
| Recent Green Flag award (year): | |
| The school is currently working with or involving the wider community. | Yes/ No |
| Comments: | |
| Sustainability is embedded in the curriculum and evidenced in lesson plans. | Yes/ No |
| Comments: | |
| Sustainability is core to the schools culture. | Yes/ No |
| Comments | |
| The school communicates at least once per term to parents and the wider community advocating sustainable good practice. | Yes/ No |
| Comments | |
| Do you feel you have the expertise to support other schools in their Green Flag application? | Yes/ No |
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| What topic does your school excel in? | |
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| **Desirable criteria for Ambassador Eco-Schools** | |
| The school is involved with other Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful programmes and campaigns. | Yes/ No |
| Comments: | |
| The school has established robust or unique ways to monitor impact. | Yes/ No |
| Comments: | |
| The school engages with their feeder/local Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools | Yes/ No |
| Comments: | |

**Ambassador Eco-School Agreement**

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As an Ambassador Eco-School I will:

Continue as an excellent example of Green Flag Eco-School and renew our Green Flag every two years.

Be willing to be used as an example of good practice for the Eco-Schools programme and promoted as such on the website, social media, at events and training for Eco-Schools.

Use the Eco-Schools School Zone login area of the website to record data and apply for future Green Flag awards.

If possible (subject to the school’s availability) attend events such as Cluster Group meetings, project celebrations and larger Eco-Schools events. Be happy to present or share ideas with other Eco-Schools at these events.

Be willing to communicate with other Eco-Committees which Eco-Schools may put in touch with us for mentoring and help.

At the end of the three years create a report on our time as an Ambassador Eco-School in the form of a case study, photographic or video dairy which Eco-Schools can share on their website.

Continue to support other Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful initiatives and campaigns where possible and appropriate.



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Position at School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Years as an Eco-Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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