18 May 2023

St. Mary’s Primary School

Dear Mairead Morrow,

## Green Flag Award

I am delighted to confirm that you have been successful in being awarded your Eco-Schools Green Flag in June 2023. The Eco-School’s team were very impressed with your school’s work.

Congratulations to all concerned - staff and pupils alike, and not forgetting the caretaker and many parents who helped your school achieve its environmental targets. You will hold the flag for two years and will be **reapplying in March 2025 to be awarded in June 2025**.

The assessors made the following comments about the **strengths** of your school evident in the assessment visit:

St. Mary’s have been a very proactive and creative eco school. They have benefitted greatly from their new orchard through the Danske Harvest workshops which will now create a base for sustainability for their community and also enhance the local biodiversity. The school has had a big push on healthy living and active travel which has lead them to create a new policy for each area. A Journey to Santa Christmas initiative was carried out to encourage families to ditch the car and walk/cycle to school. They have also been involved with Sustrans to develop road safety and cycling proficiency achieving the Silver Award in the process. Well done and keep up all the great work!

The assessors made the following **suggestions** which may enhance your Eco-Schools programme going forward:

Create a section on the website for the eco committee to publish and promote their projects, include eco code here also to further the ethos.

Once again, many congratulations to all and keep up the great work!

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Yours sincerely

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