

EXPECTATIONS OF PUPILS

The highest standards of behaviour should be expected from pupils at all times.

Pupils should be encouraged to see how this benefits them. Supporting this is the establishment of certain pupil rights and responsibilities which are known and understood by all in the school community:

PUPIL RIGHTS

- Pupils have a right to be treated fairly and with respect as important members of the school community.
- Pupils have a right to work in an orderly and safe environment in which they feel secure and are protected from bullying.
- Pupils have a right to receive a high quality education which recognises different abilities and provides equal opportunities for all.
- Pupils have a right to receive regular informative advice on progress and to be given an appropriate amount of work.
- Pupils have a right to work within a clean and tidy school with appropriate facilities for themselves and their belongings.

PUPIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Closely linked to Pupil Rights are Pupil Responsibilities. The fulfilment of these responsibilities represents the overall expectations the school makes with regard to pupil behaviour:

- Pupils have a responsibility to behave well throughout the school, to treat all members of the school community with respect and to act in a way that enhances the reputation of the school.
- Pupils have a responsibility to obey instructions, to avoid causing difficulties for others and to report incidents of bullying.
- Pupils have a responsibility to work diligently, to bring suitable equipment, to be punctual and to not disturb the work of others.
- Pupils have a responsibility to respond positively to advice given, to do homework as requested and to meet deadlines as required.
- Pupils have a responsibility to treat the school building and its facilities with respect, to avoid leaving litter and to cause no damage to the school and wider local environment.

SCHOOL CONDUCT

To help pupils fulfil their responsibilities and to help maintain good order the following rules and regulations form the code of conduct for the school. This applies when on or near school premises or when representing the school off site.

Pupils **SHOULD**:

- Work to the best of their ability.
 - Show respect to others and their property.
 - Be pleasant and considerate to all visitors to the school.
 - Follow instructions given by teachers or prefects.
 - Look after the fixtures, furnishings and fabric of the school building.
 - Attend school regularly and punctually.
 - Wear approved school uniform.
 - Remain in school during the school day apart from lunchtime.
 - Behave appropriately on the way to and from school.
 - Advise the school office of any reason for being late, for needing time off school or for bringing medication to school.
 - Follow instructions regarding movement in and around the school.
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Pupils **SHOULD NOT**:

Engage in any of the following activities:

- Violent or Anti-Social Behaviour

- e.g. Fighting
- Bullying
- Swearing, making sexist or racist comments
- Stealing
- Chewing in class
- Chewing gum anywhere
- Wearing jackets in class or assembly
- Vandalism
- Snowballing in or near school
- Dropping litter

- Disruption of Teaching and Learning

- e.g. Disobeying instructions
- Defiant behaviour
- Disrupting other pupils
- Undue noise in corridors
- Eating and drinking between periods
- Using vending machines during and between periods
- Having mobile phones switched on apart from interval and lunchtime

- Unsafe Practices

- e.g. Running in school
- Cycling in the school car park
- Smoking
- Drinking alcohol
- Abuse or possession of drugs or solvents
- Leaving school without permission
- Leaving bags in doorways and corridors
- Possession of laser pens

- Going to Areas Out of Bounds

- e.g. Upstairs corridor
- Music Department and Stage
- Behind the Sports Centre
- Science labs and workshops
- Classrooms – without teacher permission
- In front of school at morning interval

The statement of Pupil Rights and Responsibilities and the School Code of Conduct should be on display in each classroom. Teachers will be asked to revisit the contents of these statements at the start of each term. Additionally pupils and their parents will receive a copy of these items for their own reference.

A summary version of the code of conduct should also be prominently displayed in classrooms and throughout the school. (See Appendix 1).