

Appendix A: SCHOOL RULES

Our school rules form part of our school Behaviour and Discipline Policy, which has been developed to provide a framework which, when adhered to, will:

- Promote a calm, purposeful and happy atmosphere within school;
- Ensure that behaviour does not inhibit learning or impede potential;
- Foster positive, caring attitudes towards everyone, where achievements at all levels are valued;
- Encourage increasing independence and self-discipline so that each child learns to accept responsibility for their own behaviour;
- Ensure a consistent approach to rewarding good behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviour throughout the school with parental co-operation and involvement;
- Encourage children to accept varying degrees of responsibility, both in and out of the classroom with the purpose of promoting independence, self-reliance and trustworthiness.
- Result in high standards of achievement in all aspects of school life.
- Provide clear boundaries for acceptable behaviour to ensure physical and emotional safety; and
- Help children, staff and parents have a sense of direction and a feeling of common purpose.

The full Behaviour and Discipline Policy can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the school office.

Rules

School rules are kept to an essential minimum and are included in our home/school agreement and school prospectus. They have been developed to be meaningful to children. None are too difficult. They are all designed to develop courtesy, good manners and mutual respect. They are to protect children from injury, to care for equipment and to maintain a hygienic, healthy environment.

Anti-social behaviour is not condoned. It is essential that parents and teachers work together through discussion and action on any problems which develop.

Our Code of Conduct is:

1. Respect and Take Care of Yourself	
Always	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the best person you can be. • Tell someone if you are unhappy, being picked on or bullied.
Never	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do anything silly or dangerous where you might be hurt. • Stay in school at break times or leave school without permission. • Talk to strangers in school unless they have a school badge.
2. Respect and Take Care of Others	
Always	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be friendly to visitors, newcomers and other children.
Never	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do anything to hurt others (such as hitting/name calling). • Distract others from working. • Be cheeky or rude to adults.
3. Respect and Take Care of Your School	
Always	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be proud of your school.
Never	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steal or deliberately damage school equipment. • Drop litter or deface the school building. • Give the school a bad name.

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These basic rules are simplified and displayed in all classrooms and corridors and regularly verbalized at FS and KS1.

2. **Our Listening Code**

When I am asked for my attention I:

- Stop what I am doing
- Show empty hands
- Look at the teacher
- Keep quiet and still
- Listen to instructions

3. **Our Line up Code**

When I am asked to line up I:

- Walk to the end of the line
- Leave a person space
- Keep my hands and my feet to myself
- Keep quiet and still
- Listen to instructions

If damage or loss is caused to school property through repeated carelessness or vandalism, parents will be informed.

4. **We also have specific rules being enforced on the grounds of health, welfare and safety.**

a. **Food and drink**

Children may bring fruit, cheese, yoghurt pouches / tubes or cereal bars from home to eat at morning play. KS1 receive a piece of fruit free of charge each day through the National Fruit Scheme. Other than fruit, cheese, cereal bars and packed lunches, no food of any kind should be brought into school (unless on medical grounds) including sweets, chocolate, biscuits or chewing gum.

Children should bring in a drink of water or juice in a plastic bottle to drink at break times throughout the day. Children are not permitted to bring in fizzy drinks, bottles or cans.

Reasons: Sweets, etc. present obvious choking hazards. Food and crumbs from other snacks left around school would soon create a hazardous and unhygienic environment. Fizzy drinks can become very 'lively' when carried to and from school and can cause a mess when opened. Bottles and cans present an unacceptable risk of cuts. Children have regular access to water.

b. **Jewellery**

In accordance with County Council policy, watches and stud earrings are the only items of jewellery which may be worn at school and these must be removed during P.E. and swimming lessons. Teachers are not permitted to assist children with the removal of jewellery. If children cannot remove it themselves, it should be removed at home on the days the child does PE. Any articles removed will be kept in the teacher's desk / cupboard for the duration of the lesson.

Reasons: Rings, necklaces, bracelets etc can turn a minor incident into a major accident if caught on apparatus or entangled in another child's clothing or hair. Even stud earrings have the potential to cause severe tears to the wearer's ears or injury to others.

c. **PE Kit**

Appropriate clothing must be worn for all PE activity:

Indoors: bare feet, shorts, school House tee shirt bare feet (no jewellery).

Reasons: It is dangerous to go on the apparatus wearing trainers or similar footwear because it is more difficult to feel. A combination of bare feet and trainers, etc. can result in trampled toes and damaged nails. Children should exert themselves and perspire during PE and therefore need a set of dry clothing to change into afterwards to avoid muscle cramps.

Outdoors: plimsols or trainers, shorts / tracksuit bottoms, House t-shirt, sweatshirt / tracksuit top in cold weather and weatherproof sports top on rainy days (no jewellery).

Reasons: Shoes with even small heels are not suitable for games lessons. They provide insufficient grip, may cause injury to others if kicked off and often lead to twisted ankles (see PE Policy).

d School Clothing

We ask all pupils to attend school in school uniform. Uniform may be purchased from the school office. Parents are asked to send their children to school tidy and appropriately dressed for the weather of the day. Only flat-heeled shoes should be worn, preferably black shoes (as opposed to trainers).

Key Stage 1 Boys

Grey or black trousers (long or short), white shirt or polo shirt and a royal blue jumper or cardigan.

Key Stage 1 Girls

Grey or black skirt, tunic or trousers, white shirt or polo shirt and a royal blue jumper. During warmer weather, blue checked dresses may be worn.

Key Stage 2 Boys

Grey or black trousers (long or short), white shirt or polo shirt and a jade jumper.

Key Stage 2 Girls

Grey or black skirt, tunic or trousers, white shirt or polo shirt and a jade jumper. During the summer, green checked dresses may be worn.

Reasons: We believe that uniform helps pupils to feel like part of the team, to be ready to learn when they come to school, and to develop a sense of pride and an understanding of how important they are as citizens of our school community. It also eliminates 'brand' fashion and stigma. High heel shoes and boots are unsafe for the school environment.

e. Personal property

The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage to personal property. Toys, games, sticker / card collections, sports equipment etc must not be brought to school (except on special occasions when the teacher gives permission). Any money brought into school should be handed in as soon as possible and never left in trays, bags or coats.

Reasons: Suitable toys, games and sports equipment are provided for the playground and indoor play. Unsuitable equipment may present a risk to children and present the potential for theft. In a busy school, personal belongings, particularly those of value, can easily get lost, resulting in upset and disruption.

f. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones can only be brought to school in exceptional circumstances and only with the prior permission of the head teacher.

Parents who insist that children require a mobile phone during school hours i.e. for the journey to and from school must express these reasons in their request to the head teacher in writing. Such requests will be considered on an individual basis.

If permission is granted mobile phones must be handed in to the school office upon arrival and collected at the end of the school day. They should never be left in trays or coats or used during school hours.

Reasons: During school hours contact is possible through the school's land lines. Mobile phones can present an unacceptable disturbance to lessons (particularly when lost), potential for theft and cyber bullying.