

CODE OF CONDUCT

We have certain expectations of our pupils which I hope are not contentious. We believe that we share these expectations with most families and therefore we are working together to produce young people who uphold values which will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. This code of conduct is designed to make the school a civilised place so that pupils can gain the maximum benefit from the education we offer.

- Politeness is expected at all times to all staff, visitors and pupils. Adults should be addressed by name, 'Sir' or 'Miss'.
- Civilised behaviour is expected at all times.
- Bad language and unsociable habits are never acceptable. Swearing directly at a teacher will almost certainly result in temporary exclusion for the first offence.
- Bullying, whether verbal, threatening, intimidatory or physical, is completely unacceptable.
- Deliberate vandalism is regarded as a serious offence. Boisterous behaviour leading to accidental damage will result in a negotiated part/full payment, provided pupils own up promptly.
- Pupils must always obey instructions from teachers, other staff and lunchtime supervisors.
- Stealing and lying are never acceptable. Stealing anywhere, including in school, could lead to prosecution. We understand human weakness and are generally sympathetic with those who are clearly aware of the error of their ways.
- Smoking is forbidden. Persistent smokers could be excluded. Cigarettes and matches must never be brought to school.
- Bringing alcohol or other drugs into school is forbidden and the first offence could result in temporary or permanent exclusion.
- Pupils are expected to behave with due regard for the safety of others.
- Movement around the school should be at a walking pace, keeping to the left where possible and with consideration for others. Pupils should not congregate in groups which cause obstruction. Running and other vigorous activities should be restricted to the fields and hard courts.
- Pupils are expected to help keep the school clean and tidy by not dropping litter and by doing their share of clearing up when problems arise. Pupils should show pride in their form room and see that it is kept clean and tidy.
- Food should be eaten at break and lunchtimes only in the dining hall, picnic area or in designated classrooms. Chewing gum and bubble gum are not allowed. Sweets may be eaten about the school at break and lunchtimes. This privilege may be removed if litter becomes a problem. Glass bottles and metal drink cans should not be brought to school. Cans of drink bought from the machine must be consumed in the dining hall.
- All pupils must wear school uniform and games kit. There will be times when in the short term, for various reasons, pupils are unable to wear full uniform. A note should be brought from home explaining the situation. A maximum of a week is reasonable for replacement shoes. Virtually all items of clothing are available from the school shop.
- Pupils should always be fully equipped for lessons. All equipment is available from the school shop at lower than retail prices.
- Pupils should never borrow money from others. In an emergency it is possible to borrow money from the office. Pupils who have other financial problems should discuss the matter with the office staff or a teacher. Persuading other pupils, particularly younger ones, to lend or give items, could constitute bullying.
- Remember that teachers are always available to help you with any difficulties you encounter. In general, talk first to your Form Tutor or Head of House, but you can always talk to the teacher with whom you can communicate most easily.

