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Code of discipline

1. Introduction:

The Board of Management of this school, in consultation with staff and parents gives consideration to the particular needs and circumstances of the school in devising this Code of Discipline.

2. Our code of behaviour has recently been revised and updated. The purpose of this code is to ensure:

- The efficient operation of the school and the structuring of in-class discipline so that there exists an efficient and stimulating learning environment.
- The maintenance of good order throughout the school and respect for the school environment.
- The development of self discipline in pupils based on consideration, respect and tolerance for others.

3. Guidelines:

- The school recognises the differences, which exist between individual children and also the need to be tolerant of these differences.
- We agree that a high standard of good behaviour depends on a strong sense of community, a high level of co-operation among the staff and a very well developed system of communication between staff, parents and pupils. Every effort to maintain these principles will be made by the school.
- The use of strategies mentioned in SPHE Programmes will be availed of to cultivate a positive atmosphere.
- Staff shall be encouraged to adopt a positive approach to the question of behaviour in the school.
- The teacher on supervision will be regarded as “class teacher pro tem” on each occasion by all pupils.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that the code is implemented in a reasonable, fair and consistent manner.

- Any form of behaviour that interferes with the rights of others to learn and to feel safe is unacceptable. The following steps will be taken when children behave inappropriately:

1. Reasoning with pupil
2. Verbal reprimand, including advice on how to improve
3. Temporary separation from friends/peers and may include being sent to another class
4. Note in homework journal to parents
5. Detention during breaks
6. Withdrawal of privileges
7. Extra exercises to write out
8. Meeting with parents
9. Pupils who misbehave frequently may not be allowed to participate in school outings for their own safety and that of other pupils
10. Where a single incident is deemed to be of a very serious nature where a pupil is persistently in breach of the code of discipline, and the above procedures have been followed, the case may, at the discretion of the Principal, be referred to the "Board of Management

4. General school rules:

- ❖ I will come to school when I am supposed to and be on time.
- ❖ I will stay in school until closing time unless I have a note signed by my parents or they have spoken directly to the school.
- ❖ I will treat everybody in the school with respect and courtesy.
- ❖ I will do my schoolwork and homework to the best of my ability.
- ❖ I will be honest to myself, my teachers and my fellow pupils.
- ❖ I understand that bullying is forbidden – I will not call names, hurt, threaten or ignore others.
- ❖ I will not engage in any behaviour that is hurtful (including bullying, harassment, discrimination or victimisation).
- ❖ I will respect the property of the school and of others and keep my desk, classroom and my school clean and tidy.
- ❖ I will walk quietly and behave properly in the school corridors and toilets.
- ❖ When the bell rings I will line up immediately and quietly in an orderly manner.

- ❖ I will wear the full school uniform as required (Trousers/Pinafore/Shirt & Tie, School Jumper with crest or PE Uniform on certain days).
- ❖ I will behave safely in the playground.
- ❖ I will not use bad language.
- ❖ I will not use chewing gum.
- ❖ I understand the use of mobile phones is forbidden in school or during school related activities.
- ❖ I will follow these rules at all times in the school and on school related activities.
- ❖ Children must show respect to staff, fellow pupils and school visitors at all times. Rough play, bullying, jeering and foul or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Children will show pride in their school by respecting school property and that of their school friends.
- ❖ Children are expected to keep their persons and property neat and tidy
- ❖ Children must play only in the designated areas and may not leave the premises during school hours without permission.
- ❖ Children must be truthful and honest at all times in word and deed.
- ❖ Children will enter and leave the school in an orderly manner. Climbing trees, perimeter walls, etc., is not allowed.
- ❖ Children must be mindful of the safety of others both at work and play. Throwing any items, such as pencils, stones, etc., is strictly forbidden.
- ❖ In their own interest and that of their fellow pupils, children will pay attention in class, and try their best at homework at all times.
- ❖ Chewing gum is strictly prohibited.

5. Strategies for creating a positive attitude:

1. A quiet word of approval.
2. A comment in a pupil's workbook or copybook.
3. Praise in front of class group.
4. A small prize to mark an achievement.
5. Merit marks / stickers / stars / Pupil of the Week Cert.
6. A mention of praise to parents, verbal or in written communication in the homework diary.
7. A mention of praise at the Whole School Assembly.

6. Awareness:

- The children will be made aware of this Code of Discipline in the school. Parents / Guardians should also familiarise themselves with it and discuss it with their children.
- The Code of Discipline will be on display in the school reception area, will be on display on the school's webpage, and will be explained to parents at the New Infants Introduction Day in June.
- Certain areas of the Code of Discipline will be revisited and highlighted at whole school assembly.
- Each individual teacher will receive a Code of Discipline Policy.

7. Procedures:

The degree of misdemeanour i.e, minor, serious or gross, will be determined by teachers and/or Principal based on the Guidelines outlined above and taking into account the gravity and/or frequency of such misdemeanours.

This Code of Discipline is subject to annual review

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on April 21st 2015

Signed: _____

Chairperson – Board of Management

Date: _____