

## *Code of Behaviour*

We are a caring community whose values are built on core Christian values of respect, honesty, a sense of responsibility and fairness. This Code of Behaviour aims to ensure that everyone in the school community should feel safe and secure. On Application all families will be directed to the school website to view a copy of this policy. On acceptance of their place in the school all parents must sign into this policy as a condition of their place.

### *Our Positive Standards*

- We expect our children to show politeness, courtesy and consideration to all members of the school community
- We expect our children to show respect for all; treat others as you wish to be treated.
- We expect our children to show honesty in taking responsibility for their own actions and learning

### *We help our children to reach these standards by:*

- Our Religious Education programme as laid down by the Church of Ireland
- Our Social, Personal and Health Education Programme
- Adult examples of parents and teachers
- Praise and encouragement
- The display of posters promoting positive behaviour
- Communicating good news of positive behaviours
- Use of Assembly if necessary

### *For the smooth running of our school we have these rules:*

- Mobile phones are not permitted except in certain circumstances
- No inappropriate dress is allowed
- No inappropriate jewellery allowed
- No make-up to be worn
- Children should not be in school if they are not well enough to partake in all school activities unless there are medical grounds
- If a parent wishes to communicate a concern they should contact the teacher directly via Aladdin.

*We consider the following to be unacceptable behaviour*

- Persistent disruptive talking and answering out of turn
- Sniggering at other children
- Bad language
- Bullying
- Racist behaviour
- Fighting or any violent behaviour
- Stealing
- Boasting
- Vandalism
- Inappropriate use of a child's mother tongue

*How do we record unacceptable behaviour?*

We will record repeated and serious unacceptable behaviour.

*What happens when this Code of Behaviour is broken?*

1. We will reason with the pupil/pupils
2. We will advise the pupils on how to improve.
3. We will remove the pupil/pupils from the group
4. We will withdraw the pupil/pupils' privileges
5. We will notify parents via a written note and/or telephone call
6. We will arrange to have a meeting with the parents.

*If the unacceptable behaviour persists:*

7. A meeting will be arranged between the parents and the teacher
8. A meeting will be arranged between the parents, the teacher and the principal

9. A meeting will be arranged between the parents, the teachers, the principal and chairperson of the Board of Management

*In cases of serious misconduct or repeated unacceptable behaviour:*

10. The parents will meet with the entire Board of Management

Records of the unacceptable behaviour made by the teachers will be presented to the Board of Management and the parents will be invited to respond. The Board of Management will propose a solution. Failing this the Board of Management will make a decision whether to suspend or expel the child (Section 23 (2) of the Education Welfare Act 2000). Their decision will be conveyed to the parents in writing. Parents will also be notified that they can appeal this decision.

*Procedures for notification of absences:*

*See policy on Absences*

**This code only applies to the children  
when they are in school and on school  
tours and activities.**

*Ratification and Communication*

Parents may view a copy of this policy on the school website.

Signed: *Very Revd. James Mulhall*

Signed: *Elma Cooke*

Chairperson of Board of Management

Principal

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Yearly Review

