

The 'Respect' Rule

Our 'respect' rule sets out in a positive manner our expectations of all students in the school. A copy of our 'respect' rule is printed in the students' journal. The 'respect' rule, which applies to all in the school community, adults and young people alike, states: "Respect will be shown to everyone in the school community at all times."

In other words, we will all act with courtesy and consideration to one another at all times.

This means that:

1. You always try to understand other people's point of view.
2. In class you make it as easy as possible for everyone to learn and for the teacher to teach. (This means arriving on time with everything you need for that lesson, beginning and ending the lesson in a courteous and orderly way, listening carefully, following instructions, helping each other when appropriate and being quiet and co-operative at all times).
3. Remember 'Safety First and Safety Second'. (This means never running, barging or shouting, but being ready to help by opening doors, standing back to let people pass and helping to carry things). On the corridors please keep to the left.
4. You always speak respectfully to everyone and use a reasonable tone.
5. You listen to the other person's point of view.
6. You keep the school clean and tidy so that it is a welcoming place we can all be proud of. (This means putting all litter in bins, keeping walls and furniture clean and unmarked and taking great care of displays, particularly of other people's work).
7. Out of school, coming from and going to school, walking locally or with a school group, you always know that the school's reputation depends on the way you behave.

As part of our Code of Behaviour we have a very strong policy against Bullying.

It is part of our Anti-Bullying Code that:

- Every pupil is entitled to an education free from harassment or abuse and bullying is not tolerated in the school. Every person has the right to feel safe and valued at our school.
- There should be no unwelcome name-calling, teasing, verbal abuse, physical abuse or fighting; no unwelcome comments about a pupil or their family. This includes any such comments or threats made on social networks sites and/or by mobile phone.

- Any incident brought to the attention of teachers or the school authorities will be investigated. If the problem persists the perpetrator(s) will face serious disciplinary sanctions.

If you are being bullied or are the subject of unwelcome attention or if you are aware that anyone else is suffering in this way,

Please tell someone you trust immediately.

It is very important that we are informed about any unwelcome incidents as soon as possible.