

# **School Rules and Guidance**

**Our School Community** is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

**Our Beliefs** are that learning can be a joyful, transformative experience that nurtures our personal growth and empowers us to make a positive impact on the world.

**Our Expectations** are that students will approach all aspects of school life with a growth mindset, a strong work ethic, and a passion for learning.

**Our Rules** are designed to help us achieve our goal of a positive and productive learning experience for everyone.

**Your Feedback** matters, and we are committed to listening to what you have to say. Please speak with your class teacher if you have any concerns or suggestions.

# **Behavioural Guidelines**

- Treat others with respect and kindness, in and outside of the classroom.
- Refrain from any form of physical or verbal aggression, including hitting, pushing, shoving, and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Speak courteously to others and listen carefully when someone is speaking to you.
- Avoid using insulting, hurtful, or offensive language, including name-calling, swearing, or making derogatory comments based on someone's race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, or any other characteristic.
- Be punctual and prepared for lessons, complete homework and assignments on time, and actively engage in class activities and discussions.
- Refrain from disruptive behaviour, such as talking out of turn, distracting others, or disrupting the learning environment.
- Use school property with care, leave it in good condition, and report any damage.
- Respect other people's belongings and only borrow with permission.
- If something or someone upsets, hurts, or angers you, please speak to your class teacher immediately to find a positive solution for all involved.

# **Prohibited Items**

- Smoking, vaping, alcohol, and illegal substances are not allowed on school premises or during school-organised outings, visits, or excursions.
- Weapons or items that could potentially be used as weapons are prohibited.
- Fireworks, matches, aerosol cans (including spray deodorants), and other inflammable substances are prohibited.



### **Food and Snacks**

We strive to promote healthy habits and ensure a safe environment for all students, therefore:

- Any food brought onto school premises should be healthy, nutritious and **should not contain any nuts** or other allergens that could be harmful to other students.
- Junk food, including sugary drinks and energy drinks, is not allowed on school premises or during school-organised outings, visits, or excursions.
- Chewing gum and *pipas* are banned due to the mess they can cause.
- Please note that any banned foodstuffs will be confiscated and may be disposed of.

# **Dress Code**

We expect students to dress appropriately for school, maintaining dignity and respect, therefore:

- Clothes should be suitable for the range of activities students may participate in during the school day, including physical education lessons and games.
- Clothes must not display offensive slogans or images.
- Caps and hoods must not be worn unless for medical or religious reasons.
- Students are expected to use good judgment when dressing for hot weather: this includes wearing modest clothing that covers the midriff, back, and chest.
- Underwear should not be visible.
- These rules apply to all students, regardless of gender.
- If a student wears inappropriate clothing to school, parents will be asked to bring a change of clothes.
- If students are unsure about what is considered appropriate, they should ask a member of staff.

# Electronic and Digital Devices

We restrict the use of digital devices to promote a more focused and interactive learning environment, and to foster stronger personal connections and social skills, therefore:

- Use of mobile phones, music equipment, video game consoles, laptops, tablets, connected smartwatches, headphones, earphones, or any other electronic or digital device is strictly prohibited on school grounds, school buses, and during schoolorganised trips, visits, or excursions unless prior permission has been granted by staff.
- Electronic and digital devices taken into school must be switched off and placed in the class 'phone box' or handed into the school office as soon as students arrive.
- If a student has an electronic or digital device during school hours or on a school bus without prior permission, the device will be confiscated for the remainder of the day.
- On the second violation, parents will be notified to collect the device from the office.