

GAELSCOIL PHEIG SAYERS

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR 2022

This Code of Behaviour has been adopted by the Board of Management of Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers in accordance with the guidelines set out in Department of Education & Skills, having regard to the needs of the School and of the wider community.

Aim

The aim of the Code of Behaviour is to create a positive ethos in the school, so that learning and development can occur in a relatively disruption free and caring environment.

School policy regarding behaviour.

The Board of Management and staff will adopt a positive approach to the question of behaviour in the school.

The Board of Management acknowledges:

- that children are individuals and the need to accommodate their individuality.
- that parents/guardians play a crucial role in shaping the attitudes that produce acceptable behaviour in children.
- that parents and guardians should take full advantage of all formal and informal channels of communication made available by the school.
- that a high standard of behaviour requires a strong sense of community within the school and the highest levels of co-operation among the members of the school community.
- that we request and expect the active support and co-operation of parents/guardians in order to meet legitimate expectations with regard to good behaviour and discipline.

Code of Behaviour

Pupils will ;

- use Irish as the language of communication while in the school.
- treat all the members and property of the school community with dignity and respect at all times.
- Wear the school uniform in school and at all school related functions.
- not go outside the school boundaries without the permission of a teacher or written consent of a parent/guardian.
- play in a manner that will ensure the safety of themselves and others.
- not bully any member of the school community.
- refrain from wearing jewellery in school, with the exception of miniature studs.
- adhere to our healthy eating policy in the school.
- adhere to any instructions given by school staff.

Breaches of the Code of Behaviour

The class teacher will deal with the general breaking of school rules and isolated instances of misbehaviour. The teacher concerned will apply sanctions as she/he considers appropriate. Where such instances occur repeatedly, the pupil will be considered to be in breach of the Code of Behaviour and the matter will be referred to the Principal and / or parents/guardians.

The following strategies will be used where breaches of the Code of Behaviour arise:

- Talking with the pupil.
- Reprimand with advice on how to improve behaviour.
- Temporary separation from peers.
- Withdrawal of-privileges.
- Prescribing additional work.
- Communication with parents/guardian.
- Referral to the Principal.
- Referral to the Board of Management.
- Suspension (As per Department Guidelines)
- Expulsion (As per Department Guidelines)

Teachers shall keep a record of misbehaviour or disruption. Before resorting to serious sanctions the normal channels of communication between school and parents/guardians will be utilised. Parents / guardians will be involved at an early stage rather than as a last resort.

Home - School Communication

For our school to be effective in educating children, it is essential to have good home-school communication. Parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children and their co-operation and support are vital to the school. A mutual respect is necessary in all communication between parents / guardians and teachers, if the pupil is to benefit from such contacts. Parents. If you feel your child has a problem or if you have been asked to meet the teacher or principal, please make an appointment. It is impossible for teachers to give their full attention to parents /guardians if they arrive unexpectedly.

Parents/ Guardians should:

- Provide the school with a contact address and telephone number. This is in case of illness, accident or a serious breach of this Code.
- Develop a positive relationship with the school and develop positive communication with the school.
- Have their child's name clearly written on everything the child brings to school - books, clothes etc.
- notify the teacher in writing when the pupil is required to leave school before normal finishing time and always sign the child out.
- be aware that the school will not take responsibility for pupils outside of normal school hours.
- Sign the "dialann" every day.
- Be aware of what is happening in school through reading notes from the school/ texts from App.

Mobile Phones / Apple Watches

The use of mobile phones/ electronic devices is totally prohibited during the school day. Parents/guardians must talk to their child regarding his/her responsibility in ensuring that their devices are switched off whilst on school grounds. It is the child's responsibility to follow this rule. If a child is found with a device which is switched on, the device will be confiscated.

School statement on Bullying

Bullying is a problem which sadly some children encounter and requires co-operation between schools and home to resolve. In order to assist all the members of the school community in understanding the nature of Bullying Behaviour, the following is the definition given in the Dept. of Education and Skills guidelines:

"Bullying is repeated aggression, verbal, psychological or physical conducted by an individual or group against others".

Gaelscoil Pheig Sayers has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying. All incidents of bullying should be communicated to the school. All reports of bullying behaviour should be noted, investigated and dealt with by teachers in such a manner as to instill confidence in 'telling' and avoid any diminishing of the child's self- confidence.

“Ní neart go cur le chéile”

Dáta cur i bhfeidhm & Athbhreithniú

Tá an polasaí seo i bhfeidhm ó Mí Eanáir 2018. Rinne múinteoir Adrian ‘s Caroline athbhreithniú air i mí Eanáir 2018. Déanfar athbhreithniú air nuair is gá.

Daingeanú agus Cumarsáid

Dhaingnigh an Bord Bainistíochta an polasaí seo ar an 17ú Eanáir 2018. Tá an polasaí ar fáil in oifig na scoile.

Athbhreithniú:

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar an bpolasaí seo i Mí Meán Fomháir ag Orla Rutherford agus Niamh Ní Shúilleabháin.