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Code of Behaviour

The aims of the Code of Behaviour of SN Chreachmhaoil are:

To provide guidance for pupils, teachers and parents on behavioural expectations.

To provide for the effective and safe operation of the school.

To develop pupils' self-esteem and to promote positive behaviour.

To foster the development of a sense of responsibility and self-discipline in pupils based on respect, consideration and tolerance of others.

Pupils are expected to have all required books and materials every day and to obey teachers' instructions, to enable teachers to teach without disruption.

Rules for all classes

We respect the property of the teacher and therefore we don't take anything from the teacher's desk without permission

We respect the property of other children and therefore we don't damage others' property or take anything from their desks or bags without permission

We respect our own property and give our books and copies due care by not tearing out pages or drawing on the covers.

The teacher writes on the white/interactive board (children only do so when asked)

We keep our desks and chairs clean and tidy and we are careful not to mark them .

If a person wishes to leave the room, he/she gets permission first.

We show respect for the school by being punctual.

We walk in our classrooms and in the school building. We do not run.

We follow the particular rules which our own teacher has for our class.

Bullying

Cases of bullying will be dealt with under the school's policy on bullying.

Incidents of misbehaviour may be investigated under the Anti-Bullying procedures to ascertain the nature of interactions and to ensure that bullying is identified and stopped when it is occurring.

At lunchtime

We all sit when eating our lunch.

We eat the lunch we have been given at home (or that has been ordered and delivered by an external company such as 'The Lunchbag') and as such we don't trade lunches with others.

We eat healthy foods in our school so we don't bring fizzy drinks, crisps or chewing gum to school. On wet days, we sit during the break and we play games, read or take part in some other activity.

Pupils must remain within school boundaries at all times during school hours unless directed by a teacher. In the yard, pupils must play safely at all times. Anti-social, dangerous or hurtful behaviour is forbidden. We walk when going around corners so that we do not accidentally bump into others.

Pupils must walk to the line when the bell rings and remain there until collected by their múinteoir.

We hold any ball or toy which we may have been playing with, while in the line.

When we speak to each other (children or teachers), we speak respectfully, mannerly and in a normal tone of voice. We like mannerly phrases (go mo leithscéal, go raibh maith agat, tá fáilte romhat, etc.) We don't interrupt others (children or teachers) when they are speaking to each other.

We show respect for visitors who come to the school.

If the teacher leaves the room we follow the class rules as if the teacher were in the class.

General Behaviour

Parents/Guardians' Responsibilities

Encourage children to have a sense of respect for themselves and for property.

Ensure that children attend regularly and punctually. The National Educational Welfare Board must be informed (via the Tusla Portal) if a child misses 20 or more days in an academic year.

Be interested in, support and encourage their children's school work.

Be familiar with the code of behaviour and support its implementation.

Cooperate with teachers in instances where their child's behaviour is causing difficulties for others.

Communicate with the school in relation to any problems which may affect child's progress/behaviour. Return school property if it has been given on loan.

Check your child's bag regularly for notes and to keep it organised.

Items not allowed in school

Pen knives, Glass bottles, Water guns, Matches / lighters

Heelys or roller-shoes

Crisps, chewing gum, fizzy drinks

Mobile phones- except with special permission from parents and class teacher for exceptional circumstances. In other words, if a child brings a mobile phone to school for use after school the class teacher should be aware of this.

Missile toys (slings, catapults, guns that fire missiles, etc)

Invitations to parties or events unrelated to school life (e.g. birthday parties) are not allowed to be distributed during school hours out of understanding for non-invitees. Parents should arrange for these to be distributed privately, before or after school and outside of school grounds. Christmas/Celebration cards also fall into this category but may be handed out if all pupils in a class are in receipt of one and at a time deemed appropriate by the class teacher.

Likewise pupils returning from holidays etc may not distribute sweets, gifts for class as this puts pressure on others to do the same.

Electronic games / consoles or music players (MP3, ipods, etc) may not be brought to school. Children should be socialising during break times.

Make-up, lip gloss and other cosmetics are not to be worn in school.

If earrings are worn they must be of the stud variety. For safety reasons no dangling or hoop earrings are permitted.

Other items may be banned from time to time if deemed necessary (e.g. football cards, silly bands, trend items)

Strategies/Incentives for Positive Behaviour

- A quiet word or gesture to show approval.

- A positive comment on a child's exercise book.
- A visit to another class or Principal for commendation.
- Praise in front of class group.
- Individual class merit awards, points awards or award stamps.
- Delegating some special responsibility or privilege.
- Written or verbal communication with parent.

Sanctions which may be imposed for breaking the school rules (Yard)

1. Reasoning with the child, making him/her aware that their behaviour is impacting on others and is unacceptable.
2. Confiscation of an item (if applicable)
3. Child to be sent to a "thinking time" zone in the schoolyard at breaktime.
4. ** If repeated - Note to parents in the homework journal or an email sent to parents **
5. Incident report to be written by child and sent home for parent's signature
6. Child to be sent to the Principal or inform Principal of incident.
7. Parents to be called in to meet with Teacher and or Principal
8. Child to be removed from a specific school activity (e.g. sport, outings)
9. Board of management take up the issue for further action e.g. suspension and expulsion (in accordance with rule 130 of the Rules for National Schools as amended by circular and Education Welfare Act 2000). Pupils will not be deprived of engagement in a Curricular Area except on the grounds of health and safety.

Before/After School

Parents are reminded that the staff of the school does not accept responsibility for pupils before 9.05am. The official school opening time is 9.20 a.m. There is no school supervision after the official closing time of 2.00 p.m. (infants) or 3.00 p.m. (all other classes) except where pupils are engaged in activities organized and supervised by teachers of SN Chreachmhaoil, such as sports training, school tours and outings. The pupils involved in such activities are expected to behave in accordance with school behaviour policy during these times. The staff of SN Chreachmhaoil does not accept responsibility for privately run activities outside of school hours such as music classes, dancing and sport.

Particular Safety Measures related to Covid-19

Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

- Pupils may be instructed to engage in additional measures such as hand washing and sanitizing at designated times by the class teacher/staff. Pupils must endeavour to carry out such duties to the best of their ability. Failure to do so will be taken as a breach of the Code of Behaviour.
- Pupils must engage in good respiratory hygiene as instructed by the class teacher, including good etiquette related to coughing and sneezing. Failure to do so will be taken as a breach of the Code of Behaviour.
- Breaching distancing advice and guidelines as instructed by School Management will similarly be seen as a breach of the Code of Behaviour.

In such instances, the teacher/principal may talk to the pupil and remind them about proper etiquette and any rules related to personal hygiene or distancing. In the event of continuous breaching of the guidelines and instructions, parents will be asked to assist in reminding pupils how to adhere to safety measures.

Failure to improve adherence will result in a meeting between parents, teacher and/or principal. The pupil may also be asked to attend if necessary. An agreed plan of action will be introduced which will focus on positive reinforcement but may also include sanctions as listed above.

- In the event that a pupil is deemed to be deliberately breaching the rules and guidelines related to hygiene and distancing, sanctions will be used as listed above. If a pupil breaches hygiene or respiratory etiquette with the intention of disturbing, intimidating or causing distress to another member of the school community this will be viewed as a serious breach of the Code of Behaviour and sanctions will be imposed. The Anti Bullying Policy may be enacted in such an event to investigate the incident.

Any additional safety measures implemented following guidance from the Department of Education/based on Public Health advice must similarly be adhered to by pupils and staff.

These measures will remain in place until review of the policy has been carried out. The removal of these measures from the Code of Behaviour will be guided by Public Health Advice/Department of Education guidelines.