

Amended School Rules 2018

RULE 1:

Children should attend school regularly. A note of explanation is required when child is absent. Starting time of school is 9.20 a.m. Classes for Infants end at 2.00 p.m. The school closing time is 3.00 p.m. Pupils should always be in good time for school and promptly taken home afterwards.

RULE 2:

Children should wear the proper school uniform at all times.

BOYS:

Grey slacks. Grey shirt. Grey socks if possible. Maroon crested jumper. School tie.

GIRLS:

Grey pinafore. Grey shirt. Grey tights / socks. Maroon crested cardigan. School tie.

Girls in 5th and 6th class are permitted to wear grey trousers.

School Tracksuits are required for PE classes and other sporting activities or outings.

RULE 3:

No child can be allowed home early from school, unless collected by a parent or person with written authorisation from parents. Children must be signed out from the school office. A member of staff will collect the child from the classroom. A child returning from an appointment must be signed in, in the office. Older children to make their way back to class from the office. Younger pupils will be returned to class by a member of staff.

RULE 4:

Children should be provided with a healthy lunch coming to school. The following are not allowed: Fizzy drinks, pop-corn, peanuts, crisps or similar snacks and chewing gum. Pupils are allowed a treat on Fridays.

In the interests of safety, glass bottles or flasks of hot drinks **must not** be brought to school.

Given that some of the pupils suffer from nut allergies, the school is a **nut-free zone**. Parents are advised that lunch items should not contain nuts.

RULE 5:

Children should at all times show respect to all members of the staff, to parents and to all visitors to the school.

RULE 6:

Pupils on yard are expected to obey the teacher and any staff members on duty at all times and to line up quietly at the end of the break

RULE 7:

In accordance with the ethos of the school, rough play, fighting, hitting, pushing, spitting and bullying by individual children or by groups of children are not tolerated. Any incident **must be** reported **immediately** to the teacher on duty. Climbing or sitting on walls is also not allowed.

RULE 8:

Name calling, mocking, and any attempt to aggravate or antagonise individual children or groups of children are forbidden. Bad language is also forbidden.

RULE 9:

Rules 7 and 8 are intended to apply in the school and school yards. It is also essential that they be observed going to and from school and when children are participating in all school related activities.

RULE 10:

Rules 8 and 9 apply to school bus transport also. The children using the bus are expected to adhere to Bus Eireann's Safety Rules;

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY: Reminder to pupils

* JOINING THE BUS- (1) Arrive in good time and queue properly. (2) Wait for the bus to stop. (3) No pushing or shoving.

* EN ROUTE- (1) Remain seated. (2) Do not meddle with doors or windows. (3) Don't distract your driver.

* GETTING OFF-(1) Wait until the bus has stopped and then alight in an orderly manner. (2) Stand well back until the bus has pulled away.

* CROSSING THE ROAD- (1) Allow the bus to pull away so there is a clear view in both directions. (2) Cross over, only when the road is clear. (3) Use the Safe Cross Code.

In the interest of safety, the bus driver must be obeyed at all times. For continuous bad behaviour on the bus, the travel pass may be withdrawn.

Any incidents of misbehaviour on the bus must be reported to the bus contractor.

RULE 11:

Any form of behaviour which threatens, demeans or degrades other children is unacceptable. If children are being bullied, **teachers must be told immediately** so that the matter can be dealt with effectively.

RULE 12:

Pupils must have all books and required materials. Pupils are expected to work to the best of their ability and present written exercises neatly. They are to show respect for their classmates and follow their teacher's instructions. Any behaviour which interferes with the rights of others, or interferes with learning opportunities, is unacceptable.

RULE 13:

Home work is usually set from Monday to Thursday. Senior classes may have homework at weekends. If your child has undue difficulty in completing homework, please arrange an appointment with the class teacher to discuss this. Children should complete their written homework neatly. Equal attention should be given to oral homework and all homework should be checked and signed by parents each night.

Incomplete homework may be reassigned.

RULE 14:

Written permission will be required to:

- (a) Allow children to take medication themselves.

Teachers should also be informed if children are in the possession of medication of any sort.

Pupils will not be allowed to stay indoors during break time. Notes requesting same will not be accepted. A bench is provided in the yard for children unable to participate in break time play.

RULE 15:

An infectious illness that a child may have should be notified to the school immediately. If a child feels unwell before school, it is advisable not to send them to school as it is unfair to the child and it is difficult to deal with illness in the classroom.

RULE 16:

Pupils must respect all school property and keep the school environment clean and litter free. Parents of a child will be asked to pay for damage repairs to school property should the child maliciously or continuously damage said property.

RULE 17:

Party invitations **are not** to be distributed in school under any circumstances. The school is unable to provide class contact details.

RULE 18:

Parents who bring or collect their children to or from school by car, should at all times show consideration for the safety of all pupils and other parents. In an effort to minimize congestion and the risk of a serious accident, all parents are requested to use the church car park when dropping children to school and collecting children after school.

Please do not park on the roadway opposite the school.

During school time parents are not permitted to drive into the yard, irrespective of the weather.

RULE 19:

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones, toys or any dangerous implements into school. Should it be necessary for a pupil to bring a phone to school, a note needs to be forwarded to the class teacher outlining the reason for the phone. The phone needs to be switched off, labelled and presented to the class teacher in the morning and will be securely locked away until home time.

RULE 20:

Parents are asked to phone in advance for an appointment to see the teachers. Such appointments can be made through the Secretary between the hours of 9.45a.m. and 2.45p.m.

RULE 21:

Parents with any problem whatsoever should always make contact with the class teacher involved first. They can then speak to the principal afterwards, if needed.

It is vital that any matters relating to the school are firstly communicated to the class teacher by the parent directly involved.

RULE 22:

In cases of bad behaviour and bullying, it is necessary to meet with parents in the school.