

Durston House

Code of Behaviour

At Durston House boys should recognise that:

- each person has the right to be **happy** and feel **satisfied**.
- each person has the right to feel **safe**.
- each person has the right to be treated with **kindness** and **consideration**.
- each person has the right to be treated **justly**.
- each person, no matter his/her age, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability has the right to be treated with **respect**.

Behaviour with Other Boys

Boys should:

- speak politely to one another.
- be honest with one another.
- avoid and discourage teasing or taunting of others.
- try to think of others before themselves.
- consider how others might feel before saying and doing anything.
- recognise that physical aggression to get their own way is unacceptable.
- ask before touching other people's belongings.

Behaviour with Staff Members

Boys should:

- be obedient, having questioned politely, if necessary.
- accept decisions and follow instructions.
- speak and answer questions politely, in a positive fashion.
- avoid arguing or answering back.
- try to help where necessary.
- be honest.
- try to think of staff members before themselves.

Behaviour in the Classroom

Boys should:

- be in a classroom only with permission.
- put up a hand to attract attention or speak to the teacher when appropriate to do so.
- enter the classroom quietly, in an orderly fashion, and follow the instructions of the teacher.
- try to sit away from someone by whom they might be distracted.
- be aware that foolish behaviour distracts others.
- avoid swinging on chairs.
- pass something around the classroom rather than throw it.

Behaviour in the School Buildings

Boys should:

- always walk, with special care taken on the stairs.
- always walk through corridors quietly, in an orderly fashion, keeping to one side.
- be patient, avoiding pushing others to get past.
- line up quietly against the wall outside a classroom if waiting to go in
- go to Cloakroom areas (including West Corridor) between or during lessons only with permission.

Behaviour Outside the School Buildings

Boys should:

- wait sensibly for school to open, without engaging in unruly behaviour.
- always line up in pairs within the school property when waiting to go to break, to Games, to Assembly or to another school activity during the day.
- leave the school property during the day only with a member of staff (except Year 8 who may go with permission).
- walk in pairs along the pavement.
- walk in silence along the pavement, if instructed to do so.
- pay attention to the instructions of the staff member when walking.
- keep up with the group when walking.
- keep food or drink to be consumed, on school property.
- at Castlebar, eat and drink only on the paved area around the mulberry tree.
- at Castlebar, always be in the sight of a staff member.
- avoid being behind the pavilion or in the lavatories/changing rooms when not required
- line up quietly when the whistle blows at the end of break.

Behaviour in Coaches and Minibuses

Boys should:

- follow the instructions of the accompanying members of staff at all times.
- remain seated at all times with seat belts fastened.
- avoid behaviour or noise that distracts the driver.
- consume no food or drink in the vehicle.
- keep all possessions inside the vehicle.
- avoid communicating in any way with drivers of other vehicles, or pedestrians.

Behaviour in the Classrooms at Lunchtime

For behaviour in the classrooms at lunchtime, refer to **Lunch Guidelines (in School Handbook)**.

Evaluation of this Code

This code will be evaluated biennially by the school, amended where necessary and approved by SMT.

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