KILGARRIFFE NATIONAL SCHOOL

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Kilgarriffe National School cherishes all pupils equally. To aid all pupils to achieve their full potential this Code of Behaviour, which cultivates respect for all, has been devised. A high standard of behaviour requires a strong sense of community within the school. It requires a high level of co-operation among staff and between staff, parents and pupils.

In devising this Code of Behaviour consideration has been given to the needs and circumstances of Kilgarriffe National School. The school recognises the differences that exist between children and the need to tolerate these differences.

This Code of Behaviour aims to:

* + Create an orderly environment in which the pupils can, through self-discipline, feel secure and develop progressively.
	+ Develop a proper sense of social behaviour and school discipline.
	+ Show regard for the safety, health and well-being of pupils, staff and all visitors to Kilgarriffe NS.
	+ Outline predictable and consistent sanctions where necessary.

Kilgarriffe National School has in place a code of conduct which is clearly displayed inside the main door and in each classroom. This code is referred to regularly.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct aims to promote good communication, co-operation, respect and discipline in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

* Good manner and politeness are expected. Show respect for teachers, other adults and your classmates.
* Be punctual – arrive on time each morning.
* Wear correct uniform each day.
* All homework must be completed and handed up on time.
* AGGRESSIVE, VERBAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL OR PHYSICAL BEHAVIOUR IS NOT ALLOWED.
* Keep your hands, feet and comments to yourself.
* Obey the school bell and line up in an orderly fashion.
* RESPECT TO BE SHOWN FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY AND THE BELONGINGS OF OTHERS.
* Keep the school and school grounds litter free.
* Walk inside the school building.
* Chewing gum or mobile phones are not allowed in the school or school grounds.
* Be quiet and remain at desks if the teacher has to leave the room.
* Always allow others to work undisturbed.
* Abusive substances are not allowed.
* No long earrings, studs only.

PROMOTING POSITIVE & COUNTERING BULLYING BEHAVIOUR

The Role of the School

* The role of the school is to provide the highest possible standard of education for all its pupils. A stable, secure learning environment is an essential requirement to achieve this goal. Bullying behaviour by its very nature undermines and dilutes the quality of education and may impose physiological and psychological damage. It must be positively and firmly addressed through a range of school-based measures and strategies.
* It is our aim to promote positive behaviour and prevent bullying behaviour. We promote positive habits of self-respect, self-discipline and responsibility among all our members. Habits of mutual respect, courtesy and an awareness of the interdependence of people in our community are promoted. The school recognises the need to co-operate with parents, keep them informed and to continue to develop procedures to improve relationships within the school community.
* Staff members share a collegiate responsibility in co-operation with the Principal to act in preventing bullying behaviour by any member of the school. Aspects of our curriculum will be used to help form positive attitudes and values of tolerance, equity and respect for diversity among pupils.
* Where incidents of bullying occur we pledge ourselves to encourage a culture of “telling”. Each report will be taken seriously, treated confidentially and the focus will be on resolving the problem.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

Anti-Bullying Charter

1. Every pupil at this school has the right to enjoy his or her learning and recreation free from intimidation.
2. Our school is a caring community and any unkind actions or remarks will be taken very seriously. Bullying will not be tolerated.
3. We should support each other by reporting all instances of bullying. Good communication helps everyone.

If you are not part of the solution – you are part of the problem

– bullying is too important to ignore.

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(Please see our Bullying Policy for further information)