



Carnaross National School,
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Code of Behaviour

In keeping with our Mission Statement teaching and learning can take place within the context of mutual valuing and respecting relationships so that our pupils can achieve their full potential as well balanced spiritual people.

School Times:

School begins at 9 am and ends at 2.40 p.m.

Junior and Senior Infants' day ends at 1.40 p.m. and it is important that they are collected promptly.

Notes are required by Teacher:

- When a pupil needs to leave school and is being collected by a person other than the parent.
- When a pupil has not got homework completed.
- When a pupil needs to stay in at lunchtime.
- When a pupil is absent.

Basic School Rules:

Our Code of Behaviour has at its core **6 Basic Rules**. All are expected to respect these.

They are:

I will be **gentle** and will not hurt anyone.

I will be **kind** and will not hurt people's feelings.

I will be **honest** and will not hide the truth.

I will **listen** and will not interrupt.

I will **respect** people and property.

I will **work hard** and do my best at all times.

General School Rules:

1. Pupils should be punctual in the morning.
2. Pupils must not leave the school grounds during school hours.

3. A change of shoes on entering school maybe required in order to maintain our flooring
4. Bubble/Chewing Gum, crisps, tippex, compasses and glass bottles are not allowed.
5. Pupils must walk at all times in the school building.
6. Each class group must stay in its designated area in the yard and remember that the pupils are requested to only walk on the walking track.
7. While in school each pupil is subject to the authority of each member of staff and respect must be shown to them at all times.
8. While in class, the pupils must co-operate with the class teacher at all times and comply with class rules.
9. Fighting, bullying, jeering, name calling, offensive language, back answering/cheek etc., will not be tolerated.
10. Good behaviour is expected en route to and from school and while engaging in school related activities e.g. inter-school games, school tours etc.
11. Pupils must not walk on walls surrounding the school.
12. Pupils are allowed to wear a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Make up or hair dye is not allowed.

Breaches of Discipline

If a child is involved in a *minor* breach of school discipline, the following strategies will be used:

1. Reasoning with the pupil, either within the classroom or outside. Individual classes have own positive reward system. Pupils will be given two verbal warnings and advice on how to improve behaviour. On the third verbal warning pupil will be put on thinking chair.
2. The Parents and Guardians of pupils who continue to cause disruption will be asked to meet with the class teacher to discuss strategies to improve behaviour.
3. Pupils who continue to cause disruption will be referred to principal who will have formal meeting with parents/guardians and class teacher
4. In the unlikely event of repeated instances of serious misbehaviour the Chairperson of the Board of Management will be informed and the parents will be formally requested in writing to attend a meeting with the Chairperson and the Principal. The parent will be asked to give a written undertaking that his/her will behave in school. If the parents do not give an undertaking that the child will behave in an acceptable manner in the future the child may have to be suspended for a temporary period. The maximum initial period of such suspension shall be three school days. A special decision of the Board of Management is necessary to authorise a further period of suspension up to a maximum of 10 school days to allow for consultation with parents or guardian.

If the incident is of a more serious nature i.e. a case of gross misbehaviour and/or health and safety grounds

5. If stage 4 is exhausted or there is a single incident of gross misbehaviour the Principal;
 - (a) will request a meeting with the parents. If considered warranted the Principal reserves the right to suspend the pupil for 1 day initially.
 - (b) In certain circumstances the Principal with the approval of the Chairperson of the BOM may suspend a pupil for 3 school days

- (c) A meeting of the BOM may authorize further suspension up to a maximum of 10 days. Suspension will be in accordance with Section 23 of the Education Welfare Act 2000

Expulsion

This procedure may be considered in an extreme case, in accordance with Section 23 of The Education Welfare Act 2000.

* In the interest of ensuring a fair and even-handed system for the imposition of expulsion, the Board of Management will take account of the following factors in determining expulsion:

- The nature and seriousness of the behaviour.
- The context of the behaviour.
- The impact of the behaviour.
- The interventions tried to date.
- Whether expulsion is a proportionate response.
- The possible impact of the expulsion.

The school will follow fair procedures as well as procedures prescribed under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, when proposing to expel a student.

Appeals

Parents of a pupil who has been suspended for 20 school days or more are entitled under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998 to Appeal such a suspension.

Conclusion

The essence of our code of behaviour is valuing people and encouraging them to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and to develop self discipline.

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* Ratified by Board of Management on 24th June 2013.

Signed *Tommy Sheridan*
Chairperson Board of Management

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Dear Parents,

Research has shown that parental interest and attitudes to school, to books and to education are the single most important influence on a child's learning. In order that our school has a good relationship with parents every effort will be made by the Principal and staff to ensure that parents are kept well informed. We aim to create a welcoming atmosphere whereby parents are continually informed about their child behaviour. Parents are always welcome to call to the school to discuss any worry, no matter how small, that they may have. Parents are requested to make an appointment as it will ensure the matter is given full attention by all.

A copy of this code has been made available to all parents. We accept the fact that we all need rules but we have tried to keep them simple and few in number.

When you have read the Code of Behaviour please sign this slip and return to the school.

Signed: _____