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| NA01769_“Great oaks from little acorns grow” | **Park National School,**Park, Youghal, Co. Cork |
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**Code of Behaviour**

In devising the code consideration has been given to the particular needs and circumstances of Scoil Náisiunta Na Páirce. The aim of the code of behaviour is to ensure that the individuality of each child is accommodated while acknowledging the right of each child to education in a relatively disruption free environment.

Every effort will be made by all members of staff to adopt a positive approach to the question of behaviour in the school. The code offers a framework within which positive techniques of motivation and encouragement are used by teachers.

The school places greater emphasis on rewards than on sanctions in the belief that this will, in the long run give the best results.

The school recognises the variety of differences that exist between children and the need to accommodate these differences.

It is agreed that a high standard of behaviour requires a strong sense of community within the school and a high level of co-operation among staff, pupils and parents.

The rules are kept to a minimum and positively reinforced throughout the school.

All efforts will be made to match the curriculum to the ability, aptitudes and interest of each pupil. This should help to reduce boredom, lack of interest or lack of progress.

The overall responsibility for good behaviour within the school lies with the principal. Each teacher has responsibility for maintaining discipline within his/her classroom while sharing a common responsibility for good order within the school premises. A pupil will be referred to the principal for serious breaches of discipline and for repeated incidents of minor misbehaviour.

School Rules

* Good manners and politeness are important. Pupils should show respect to the teachers, each other and all visitors.
* The school uniform must be worn at all times
* In the interest of safety suitable shoes must be worn by your child at P.E.
* Children are asked to co-operate in keeping the school clean and tidy
* Homework, is assigned, is expected as an extension of the school day’s work
* Punctuality is expected at all times
* If a child has to leave school before the usual hour it is expected that parents/guardians will request permission
* Parents may need to be contacted in a case of emergency so relevant phone numbers should be provided to the school. These numbers may need to be updated from time to time
* Bulling, either overt or convert, is totally unacceptable
* School property must be respected at all times
* Glass bottles are discouraged on safety grounds
* Chewing gum is not allowed in the school or playground
* Abusive substances are not allowed
* Children must show appropriate consideration to one another in the classrooms corridor and playground.
* Children will respond to the ringing of the school bell and line up an orderly fashion.
* The school will be opened to receive pupils at 8.40am. No responsibility can be accepted for pupils before that time. Class begins at 9am.

**Strategies Employed to support the Code of Behaviour**

Praise may be given by means of any one of the following:

* A quiet word or gesture to show approval
* A comment in a pupil’s copybook/homework journal
* A visit to the other teacher for commendation
* A word of praise in front of a group, class or entire school
* A symbol of merit, e.g. a star
* Delegating some privilege or responsibility
* A mention to parent by written or verbal communication

Disapproval of unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with as follows:

* Reasoning with pupil
* Reprimand, including advice on how to improve
* Prescribing extra work
* Communication with parents, either orally, by phone or written
* Temporary separation from peers
* Temporary loss of privileges
* Referral to principal
* Loss of playtime
* Malicious damage to school property must be repaired/paid for by parents/guardians

Teachers shall keep written record of all instances of serious misbehaviour as well as a record of improvements in the behaviour of disruptive pupils. Before resorting to serious sanctions communication with parents is vital and presumed on all issues deemed serious.

The Guidelines issued by the Department of Education and Science on school discipline sate that, in the case of a continually disruptive pupil or a pupil who is guilty of a serious breach of discipline, the Principal Teacher in consultation with the Board of Management may suspend a pupil for three school days.

In Exceptional cases, and having notified the pupil’s parents, the Board of Management may authorize a further period of expulsion to a maximum of 10 school days.

Expulsion will be considered in an extreme case in accordance with Rule 130 of the Rules for National Schools as amended by Circular 7/88

**Pupils Code of Conduct**

***Caring for Ourselves***

1. I must be clean and tidy at all times
2. I must take care of my property
3. I must be punctual at all times
4. I must come prepared for all lessons
5. I must make every effort to wear school uniform regularly

***Caring for Others***

1. I must always be respectful to adults
2. I must respect other people’s property
3. I must be polite, kind and helpful to other children
4. I must not bully other people
5. I must not fight or swear

***Caring for our/the Environment***

1. I must keep the school free from litter
2. I must not damage trees or borders
3. I must not damage any school property
4. I must not run or shout inside
5. I must not come onto school premises without permission after school hours.

Please return this slip only

Park National School, Youghal

Code of Behaviour, Discipline and Conduct

I/We have read the code and I/we promise to co-operate with the school in implementing it.

Signed:…………………………………………………………………………………………

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Name of Child:………………………………………………………………………………...

Date: …………………………………………………….