

Code of Behaviour — St Declan's National School Ardmore 2023



The strong sense of community and cooperation evident in our village is mirrored in St Declan's school. We are proud of the behaviour of our children both inside and outside of school. We appreciate the commitment and effort that is required from staff, pupil and parents to implement our code. While we recognise the variety of differences that exist between children and the need to accommodate these differences, we see the code as vital in promoting a uniform acceptable and understood standard of behavior.

Our general guidelines for behavior based on the characteristic spirit of the school are:

Every pupil has the right to be happy and to be treated with respect.

Every pupil has a right to be safe and have his/her property safe.

Every pupil has a right to maximum benefit from lessons.

Each pupil should treat others with respect and courtesy, these include; teachers, fellow pupils, coaches and visitors.

Each pupil should co-operate with teachers and coaches and is expected to do his/her best both in school and for homework.

Each child is expected to attend school on a regular basis and to be punctual. If for any reason a child arrives late they should be brought to the class by an adult or given a note for their class teacher. This is to help ensure your child's safety.

If your child is absent from school through illness, family emergency etc. please send in a note explaining the absences with the child on their return to school. We are required to keep these notes and input reasons for absences on the data systems.

Each pupil must refrain from bullying, teasing, name calling, hurting others feelings, threatening behaviour or activities, which may result in injury.

Each pupil must not behave in a manner which interferes with others right to learn.

The use of bad language is forbidden.

School property and equipment must be treated with care.

Each pupil should treat his/her own and others property with respect.

No jewellery other than watches or stud type earrings to be worn.

No makeup may be worn and the wearing of jewellery associated with body piercings is also forbidden.

In the interest of safety, children should neither run indoors nor play in toilets or corridors.

In a situation where a teacher has to leave the classroom, pupils are expected to sit and continue to work quietly.

Pupils should not go outside the school boundaries.

Each child must participate in all curriculum activities unless there are medical reasons for not doing so.

If the teachers feel that the child's behaviour is unacceptable, parents will be notified.

Ratification and review

Ratification Date	1 st Review Due	2 nd Review Due	3 rd Review Due
9 th February 23	June 24	June 25	June 26
	Completed	Completed	Completed

Signed *Franco Quiry* Vice-Chair.
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed *Benedette Keever*
Principal/Secretary to the BOM 20/2/23