

BREIFNE COLLEGE

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR POLICY

RESPECT

- Respect is the principle at the heart of school life in Breifne College.
- Respect for self, others and the school community is the key to building a school community where all feel secure and have a sense of belonging.
- All who come to school at Breifne College have the right to learn and work in an atmosphere of mutual respect.
- The Code of Discipline at Breifne College states that all have a responsibility to uphold this very important principle.

RIGHT

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RESPONSIBILITY

- It is my responsibility to show respect at all times for teachers, staff members, fellow students, visitors and myself.
- I will wear full uniform at all times, including State examinations, keep my hair and appearance tidy and wear minimum jewellery.
- I understand that body jewellery is forbidden.

RIGHT

All who come to school at Breifne College have the right to be educated without disturbance.

RESPONSIBILITY

- It is my responsibility to come to school on time every day, to be punctual to class and prepared to work co-operatively with my teacher and classmates.
- If I am absent from school, on return, my absence must be noted in my Journal and signed by my Parent/Guardian. It is my responsibility to catch up on classwork and homework missed due to absence ie sporting events, day trips etc.
- I will have all required books, copies and other materials with me in class.
- I will do my homework.
- I will record my homework in the School Journal and complete it properly and fully as assigned.
- I will try to participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- Permission to leave school grounds will only be given when a student produces an appropriate medical appointment card.

RIGHT

Everybody at Breifne College has the right to work in a clean, safe and healthy environment, where smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs and solvents are forbidden and may not be brought to school.

RESPONSIBILITY

- I will treat school property and the property of others with respect and play an active part in keeping the school clean and litter / graffiti free.
- I will walk and behave in an orderly manner about school.
- I will not chew gum, smoke or bring banned substances to school.
- I will follow regulations so as not to put my safety or the safety of others at risk.
- I understand that smoking is forbidden, including e-cigarettes and all other electronic smoking and vaping devices. If found smoking 1st offence €20 fine and suspension and liable to be reported to Department of Environment. Repeat offence €50 fine and suspension and reported to Department of Environment.
- I understand that mobile phones must be turned off while on the school grounds. If a student is found using their mobile phone it will be confiscated for twenty school days and a fine of €20.00 must be paid before the phone is returned. Repeat offences will result in the confiscation of the mobile phone for the rest of the school year.
- I understand that elementary safety standards for the school community are undermined by unnecessary interference with the School Fire Alarm System.
- I also understand that such interference incurs the automatic imposition of a **School Fine of €1,000 and other disciplinary measures.**

RIGHT

All at school in Breifne College have the right to feel secure and esteemed.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Fighting, bad language, rough behaviour show grave disrespect and are not tolerated.
- Pornographic material and insulting remarks are offensive and will be treated very seriously.
- There is a strict policy on bullying in Breifne College, it is totally forbidden.
- I will behave in a responsible and mature manner by showing consideration and tolerance for those whom I see as different from myself.
- I will not bully any other student.
- I will not degrade others by offensive language or behaviour.
- I will not show disrespect for others by bringing pornographic material to school
- I must avoid all types of harassing behaviour.
- I understand that any personal belongings that interfere with classroom teaching may be confiscated e.g. electronic devices.

RIGHT

Teachers have a right to conduct class without disruption. Students have the right to learn without disruption.

RESPONSIBILITY

- It is my responsibility to obey rules.
- I will use lockers, toilets and cloakrooms only at the specified times.
- I will eat only at the appointed times.
- I will use my School Journal for recording homework, for my timetable and to allow communication between home and school.

LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES

This Code of Behaviour Policy is closely aligned to other School Policies/CMETB Policies

- Anti-Bullying
- Positive Behaviour and Sanctions
- Suspensions and Expulsions
- Smoke-Free Workplace Policy
- Substance use Policy

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

The implementation of this Code of Behaviour Policy is achieved through the designated procedures of the school's Positive Behaviour and Sanctions Policy, enclosed in this Enrolment Pack and the CMETB Suspensions and Expulsion Policy which is available upon request from the Principal's Office.

Parents/Guardians can arrange school Meetings with the School Office to discuss any issues contained within this Policy with the School Principal/Deputy Principal. Other opportunities of discussion are provided by:

Parent/Guardian making an initial request to the Principal/Deputy Principal for a meeting to be held with a member of Teaching Staff, whom when appropriate, will attend this meeting.

In order to embrace the established school ethos of mutual respect and co-operation, it is expected that a sense of constructive interaction will be adopted by all parties at these meetings.

For legal and safety reasons students are not permitted to leave the school grounds unless prior written permission has been given by Parents/Guardians. This permission is countersigned by the Principal, Deputy Principal or Year Head, with students also to sign the Temporary Absence Book. Ideally, all students leaving the Building should be collected directly by Parents/Guardians. The school accepts no responsibility for students who leave school with or without permission.

The School Authorities reserve the right to apply appropriate sanctions on pupils for failure to comply with designated school regulations.

BEHAVIOUR KEY

In conjunction with the Code of Behaviour Policy, and all the other school policies, this key for both Positive & Disruptive Behaviour will be used as a method to encourage students to make the right choice in terms of their behaviour and to gain the maximum personal benefit from each class they attend. This will be recorded in the school journal as deemed necessary by staff of Breifne College.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

1. Co-operation
2. Courteous
3. Respectful
4. Good Manners
5. Work Ethic
6. Helpful
7. Homework
8. Honesty

LOW LEVEL DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR

1. Signed Journal
2. Homework
3. Materials
4. Coming late for class
5. Non-stop talking
6. Inappropriate language
7. Ignoring teachers presence
8. Challenging teachers authority

Modification Clause

The Board of Management of Breifne College reserve the right to modify details of this Code of Behaviour at short notice and will consult with all members of the school community in relation to such changes

While the school authorities will, in general, follow the sanctions outlined in the Code of Behaviour, discretion may be exercised where it is considered advisable to do so.

Reviewed on 25th September 2016.

This Code of Behaviour has been ratified by Breifne College Board of Management on 18th December 2014

This Code of Behaviour has been considered and confirmed by Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board on 14th January 2015.