

Cantonian High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Cantonian



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Home School Agreement

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INTRODUCTION

Pupils have the right to receive their education in a happy, safe and orderly environment so that they can use their talents to the full. Teaching and non-teaching staff have the right to work in a happy and orderly environment so that they can do their jobs well. Every individual has the responsibility to make sure that everything they say and do contributes to this. People are the most important part of any community including our school community.

Pupils are expected to –

Show care, courtesy and consideration in dealing with other people in the community, with a special consideration for those less fortunate than themselves.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for learning. Holidays in term time are not authorised and should not be taken.

Pupils are expected to –

Attend school every day and remain on site for their own safety. They should be on time for registration and lessons, and avoid loitering in areas that will make them late; bring a note from their family immediately following an absence; bring a note in advance of a pre-arranged event e.g.: dental appointment, hospital visit, etc.

APPEARANCE

Pupils should take pride in their identity as a pupil of Cantonian High School. School uniform is compulsory in all year groups. Jewellery/hair styles/make-up must conform to our published requirements.

Pupils are expected to –

Attend school in full school uniform and conduct themselves with dignity and self-respect to reflect well on themselves, their families and the school.

BEHAVIOUR

Good behaviour is essential for pupils' own learning and the learning of others.

Pupils are expected to –

Follow staff instruction without debate or comment; show respect to others and not use bad language or cause any physical harm/injury/insult; report for any detention given when directed.

IN THE CLASSROOM

This is the centre for learning and where potential will be fully realised.

Pupils are expected to –

Apply themselves to their learning and not disrupt the teacher from teaching or other pupils from learning. They should enter the classroom calmly and sit to a seating plan; not eat, chew or drink; remove their bags and coats before entering the classroom; switch off mobiles, iPads etc. and put safely in bags; put their hands up to ask or answer questions; stay in their seats unless instructed otherwise; stay in lessons; pack away only when the teacher says; put coats on when the teacher tells them and leave the room in a calm way.

CLASSWORK, COURSEWORK AND HOMEWORK

Work undertaken in class or at home are responses to teaching and are important in the learning process.

Pupils are expected to –

Do their best; be on time and ready to learn; let others learn and try their best. Pupils should complete and hand in work set by the date and time agreed with the teacher; ensure that all work missed through absence is completed and organize coursework and homework.

AT BREAK TIME & LUNCH TIME

These are times for all members of the school community to relax in a safe and happy atmosphere. Pupils are allowed to consume food at break/lunch time, but not in the corridors or classrooms.

Pupils are expected to –

Create an atmosphere which is friendly and secure by avoiding hurt to others by word or deed; use only A and B Block yards and remain on the school site; keep away from parked cars at all times and never pass between them when moving from one part of the building to another; keep all ball games to the field and put their litter in the bins provided.

THE SCHOOL HALLS, (PRIF NEUADD, NEUADD DAVIES, NEUADD NEWYDD) & THE CANTEEN

These areas have several uses. It may be for assemblies, examinations, teaching or PSE activities or eating lunch and break.

Pupils are expected to –

Be respectful and orderly during assembly times; cooperate with staff during lunch and break times so that meals can be taken in an orderly manner; make sure that the areas are kept free from litter and that all food and food containers are disposed of safely and hygienically.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING

The school building makes up our learning environment. Smoking is banned by law on the school premises.

Pupils are expected to –

RESPECT the environment, including the displays of art work; WALK and not run; TALK and not shout. Pupils should move around the building in an orderly fashion and with consideration to others. Pupils are expected to show respect for others by keeping the toilets clean and free from graffiti.

PROPERTY

Everybody has the right to expect that their property needed for school is to be respected and be safe from damage and loss. Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones, iPads etc. to school at their own risk, but these should not be used in the building – with the exception of the canteen. *(Loss or theft of phones/iPads etc. will not be investigated as they are brought to school at pupils' own risk.)*

Pupils are expected to –

Abide by the law, respect other peoples' property and not steal. Bring only those items that are needed for learning; mark their property clearly with their names; leave all valuable items and larger sums of money at home. Never damage or graffiti the property of others and borrow only with the owner's permission. Never bring to school any item which may harm another. Keep mobile phones switched off during lessons and never access or show to others inappropriate, violent or pornographic content.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL

The school operates a robust Drug & Alcohol Policy, a copy of which is available on the website. Drugs, alcohol and tobacco have no place in Cantonian High School and the consequences of bringing them into school will be severe. Any one possessing or dealing drugs in school or on the journey to & from school or on trips will be permanently excluded. Alcohol and tobacco use may be dealt with in a similar way. In cases of pupils contravening the Drug & Alcohol Policy, the police may also be involved. The Governing Body regards the possession of illegal substances as a very serious matter requiring an extremely strong sanction.

Pupils are expected to –

Abide by the law and not bring drugs, alcohol or tobacco onto the school site.

TRAVELLING TO & FROM SCHOOL AND DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Everyone has the right to be safe, treated fairly, not bullied or picked on during their journey to school. Everyone has the right to tell someone to tell if there's a problem.

Pupils are expected to-

Respect others, be polite, not drop litter and obey the law. For their own safety they are expected to always behave, follow driver instructions and not distract drivers, cross roads sensibly and travel by a safe route.

SCHOOL SANCTIONS

Pupils are generally well mannered, happy and industrious – a credit to their family, themselves and the school.

Everybody makes mistakes and, very often, a clear reminder to pupils when they let themselves down and fail to live up to expectations is enough to ensure that expectations are met in the future. Others fail more often. A reminder may not be enough and sanctions will be imposed for their sake and for the sake of the whole school community. Privileges may be withdrawn. Detention may be imposed. Work for the community may be given. For more serious and/or persistent failures, parents/carers may be involved and home reinforcement of sanctions be sought. Pupils may be isolated internally or excluded from school if thought appropriate.

In cases of damage to school property, parents/carers will be asked to contribute to the cost of repair/replacement.

In cases of pupils contravening the Travel Behaviour Code (available on the see School's Website), there are statutory consequences which include: verbal warnings, letters from the Local Authority and withdrawal of transport, in addition to those sanctions imposed by the school.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Pupil Responsibility

Live up to expectations. Explain politely to staff when expectations cannot be met for good reason. Be prepared to apologise if you are responsible for causing hurt or damage to property of others. Make reparation where necessary.

Family Responsibility

Remind children of their responsibilities. Monitor their behaviour in respect of the expectations. Support the school in its expectations and the imposition of sanctions when deemed necessary. Provide the necessary means for the pupils to live up to the expectations.



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