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Code of Discipline

Good Discipline creates the right climate in which children together with their teachers can develop their full potential and fulfil their responsibilities.

It is essential that our school has the support of parents in order to meet legitimate expectations with regard to good behaviour and discipline.

Discipline begins home. The great majority of parents take responsibility with regard to standards of behaviour in their children seriously. Some parents, however, do not fully appreciate the need to provide their children with firm guidance and positive models of behaviour.

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

In our school, we believe that a high standard of behaviour requires a high level of co-operation among staff at all times.

Areas of school life where discipline is seen as essential include:

Classroom: school building and surrounds, school trips (games, tours, etc), homework, dress and absences which should always include communication between parent and teacher (written, oral or phone).

Unacceptable forms of behaviour include the following:

Bullying, physical aggression, bad language, giving cheek, constant disruption of class work, stealing, wilful destruction of school property and leaving school without permission.

The following strategies will be used to show disapproval of unacceptable behaviour:

- Reasoning with the pupil
- Reprimand (including advice on how to improve)
- Communications with parents
- Temporary separation from peers, friends and others, removal of privileges.
- Detention during break.
- Prescribing additional work-educational.
- Referral to Principal
- Suspension

**Signed: Christopher Moore
(Chairperson of the Board of Management)**

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