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School Rules

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The happy functioning of the school is achieved by pupils who observe the following school rules. Every member of the Truro School community is expected to treat others as they would like to be treated themselves and to work to uphold the Truro School Pupil Charter.

School Rules apply to pupils while at school, when travelling to and from school, when representing the school at any event, and to boarding pupils when off campus out of normal school hours. School Rules apply when on school trips. The School will take very seriously poor behaviour outside school which brings the School into disrepute or which may adversely affect the School community.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Positive Behaviour and Values Policy
- IT Acceptable Use Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Policy
- Anti-Racism Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Searching and Confiscation Policy
- Pupil Attendance Policy

General Expectations

- to arrive to School, lessons and all activities on time and ready for learning, with correct equipment, dress and expected preparatory work;

- to follow the school policy on mobile phone use and to use Yondr correctly
- to behave respectfully at all times to all members of Truro School and the wider community, including other pupils, staff (teaching and OPS) and to look after our shared environment;
- to act in accordance with the School values, allowing all members of the community to feel safe from unkind behaviour, rudeness, bullying, harassment or discrimination;
- to engage with restorative reparative approaches and/or sanctions in an honest and reflective way when poor conduct or choices have occurred.

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Serious Offences which may result in a Level 4 or 5 behaviour consequence (Saturday detention or exclusion)

The following list of offences are examples of behaviour which may result in either a level 4 or 5 behaviour consequence. These examples are not exhaustive and the Head may decide to issue a Level 4 or 5 behaviour consequence for a lesser offence where there has been a history of previous misbehaviour or where the action or choice of the pupil has resulted in a significant breakdown of trust with the School.

- Possession or use of a prohibited item (including drugs, solvents or psychoactive substances (or substances intended to resemble them) and their paraphernalia; alcohol, tobacco,vaping devices and nicotine pouches and their paraphernalia – whether supply, possession or use);
- Smoking or vaping, including choosing to socialise with those smoking or vaping;
- Physical assault / threatening behaviour to pupils or staff / fighting;
- Conduct that would endanger other pupils
- Misconduct of a sexual nature, including sexual abuse, sexual harassment and the sharing of nudes/semi-nudes; supply and possession of pornography or indecent images of children;
- Engaging in sexual activity on school premises or on a school trip;
- Discriminatory or derogatory language (including those of protected characteristics listed in Equality Act 2010);
- Cheating in examinations / assessments or coursework;
- Misconduct which adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the welfare of a member or members of the School community;
- Misconduct which brings or is likely to bring the School into disrepute;
- Making a deliberately invented or malicious allegation against a member of staff or pupil or the School;
- Bullying, including cyberbullying;
- Stealing or theft;
- Vandalism and willful damage or misuse of the School's or other people's property;
- Leaving the site or breaking bounds without permission;
- Any breach of the ICT Truro School Acceptable Use Policy;
- Rudeness, foul language and deliberately malicious behaviour;
- Persistent breaches of the School Rules or other disruptive behaviour.

Prohibited items

Pupils are forbidden to bring into school or take on a school trip any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects is likely to be used to cause injury (emotional or physical) to any member of the school community, or damage to property.

These items include (but are not limited to) drugs, solvents or psychoactive substances (or substances intended to resemble them) and their paraphernalia; alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, nicotine pouches and their paraphernalia; weapons, fireworks or flares, pornographic images (including those stored or accessed digitally) or stolen items. Non-nicotine vaping devices are also prohibited items.

Health & Safety

1. Pupils must know all the regulations concerning fire evacuation and other emergencies, following instructions given by any member of staff during an emergency.
2. Pupils may not enter a sports facility, science lab or DT workroom unless permitted by a teacher.
3. Pupils must listen carefully to all instructions given by teachers and follow them.
4. All accidents must be reported to a member of staff at once, and in particular any immediate hazards they see (spillages, broken glass, damaged furniture, leaks, expended fire extinguishers etc).Pupils may ride as passengers in cars driven by their parents, parents of other pupils or members of staff. No pupil may be driven by another pupil without the written consent of both the driver's parents and the passenger's parents..
5. No pupil is allowed to have patent medicines in his or her possession (this includes non-prescription medication such as paracetamol). Any medicines are to be handed in to the Medical Centre.
6. For health and safety reasons pupils must not walk around the campus wearing headphones; this also applies to walking to and from school.
7. Pedestrians should take care on site to "stop, look and listen" before crossing any roads (especially Trennick Lane) and to be aware of giving way to vehicles.

Appearance

1. It is important that pupils look smart and observe the school Uniform Guidance.
2. Aim to treat your environment with respect and ensure that all litter is deposited in bins including food waste and used tissues.

Games Rules

1. Pupils are not allowed to participate in any sport unless they are properly dressed, according to the School Uniform list.
2. School shoes may not be worn when playing sport of any kind.
3. When selected for a School Team, pupils are expected to attend practices and matches.

School Site

1. All pupils should move around the school site with respect for others, keeping to the left.
2. The following are out of bounds:
    - Trennick Lane beyond the entrance to the SBA car park.
    - The Fields beyond the 2nd team terrace
    - The 1st team terrace in the Autumn and Spring Terms.
    - The woods around Poltisco and Pentreve and the bottom terrace, and the area above the old quarry cliff below the Graham Smith block.
    - The front of school including the top terrace, unless accompanied by a member of staff
    - The Burrell Building during lunchtime unless access is needed to attend an

activity
- The Ode except for the Atrium and ground floor toilets (unless attending a lesson or club)
- Any construction area.

3. All pupils must use the side path in front of the School from Pentreve to the top of the snake (Terraces) and not Trennick Lane.
4. No day pupil may enter the boarding houses at any time unless permitted to do so by a member of the boarding staff. Boarding pupils must never enter a boarding house of the opposite gender without the permission of a member of the boarding staff.
5. Going off-site – Year 7 to Year 11:
    - Pupils in Years 7-11 are not allowed to leave the campus during school hours. This includes break and lunch times. The only exceptions are those authorised for medical appointments (by email or phone call from parents to the School Office). In such cases pupils must always sign out at the School Office, signing back in when they return. For some Wednesday Afternoon Activities that take place offsite, pupils also sign out at the School Office before making their own way to their destination (this must be agreed in advance with the visit leader and parent/guardian)
    - Pupils taking a school minibus home after school must remain on the school campus until their departure and be signed in to an activity or at the Library.

Routine and Miscellaneous Rules

1. During the school day no pupil, either day or boarding, may enter a public house or other licensed premises nor have alcohol in his or her possession. The School is committed to upholding the laws regarding the consumption of alcohol by people under the age of 18.
2. No buying or selling is allowed between pupils without the permission of a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Head of Section or a Head of Year. The School will accept no responsibility for money borrowed or lent.
3. The chewing of gum or use of flavoured or nicotine infused tooth picks are not permitted.
4. Pupils are urged not to bring valuable items into school, or anything but small amounts of cash. The School will accept no responsibility for personal belongings.
5. All breakages and damage to School property must be reported to the appropriate member of staff.
6. No ball games are allowed in any classroom or corridor or near buildings.
7. Public displays of affection are inappropriate on the school premises, whilst in school uniform or otherwise under the school's jurisdiction.
8. Pupils are not permitted to skateboard, ride on scooters or roller skate anywhere on the school site unless this is part of a supervised activity.
9. Members of the School may not communicate with any representative of the news media about any school matter without first consulting the Head.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

10. Mobile phones, headphones or other electronic devices (such as tablets) may not be used on site at any time except: with the permission of a teacher, in case of emergency or where special permission has been given (such as on medical grounds). This includes before, during and after the timetabled School day. Laptops may be used by Sixth Form students. Sixth Form students may use their mobile phone in designated areas.
11. All pupils in Years 7-11 must place their mobile phone in to their Yondr Pouch at the start of the school day. This should remain locked until the end of the school day. If a

pupil forgets their Yondr pouch they should leave their phone at the Front Office and collect it at the end of the school day

12. Mobile phones should never be used in toilet spaces or changing rooms.

14. Sixth Form students are given special permission to use their mobile phones during the day in the Sixth Form Café, in the Sixth Form Centre and in their vicinity; they should not be using them at other locations around the school campus unless permission has been given by a member of staff. Staff may give Sixth Form pupils permission to use their phone in a lesson where relevant for academic reasons

Also see Truro School's Use of Images Policy and On-line Safety Policy