



DITCHAM PARK SCHOOL

Where every child is known and valued

Behaviour Principles and Expectations Policy

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Introduction

At Ditcham Park School we promote academic and personal development in an environment where pupils feel safe, valued and happy.

Policy Rationale

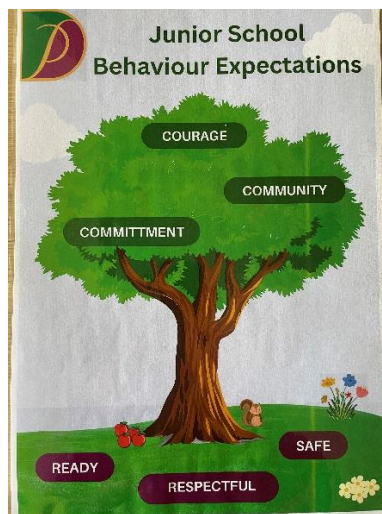
Our Behaviour Principles and Expectation should be read in conjunction with our Behaviour Policy which can be found on our website.

We see it as our responsibility not only to prepare our pupils for examinations, but also to prepare them for life. Personal development is as important as academic achievement, which is why we want pupils to understand these behaviour principles and expectations and apply them to their daily lives.

JUNIOR SCHOOL POLICY

We expect the children to be '**Ready, Respectful and Safe**' and to develop good choices to enable them to learn effectively and to keep them safe. Pupils are encouraged to consider their behaviour and are supported in improving it. Any concerns about behaviour are discussed with parents and appropriate sanctions are put in place according to the age of the child.

House points are used to promote and encourage our school values **of courage, commitment and community**. Placing the emphasis on the process of learning and being part of a community rather than purely the outcome.

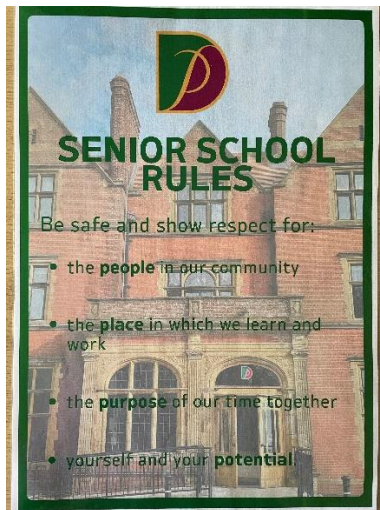


SENIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPLES

We expect pupils to be safe and show respect for a) the **people** in our community. b) the **place** in which we learn and work. c) the **purpose** of our time together. d) yourself and your **potential**.

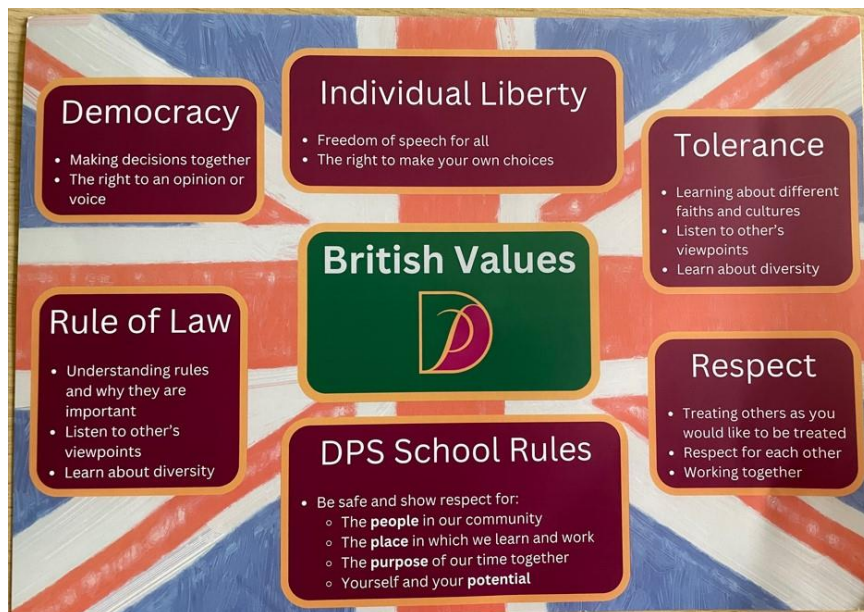


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BRITISH VALUES – WHOLE SCHOOL

Pupils at Ditcham Park School are expected to embrace and adhere to British Values in their behaviour.



Expectations for Pupils

Be Punctual

- Arrive at school on time
- Make class changes quietly and quickly to arrive on time for each lesson

Participate in all Class Activities to the Best of One's Ability

- Have all necessary materials on hand
- Be organised and ready to begin work
- Take part in group discussions and projects



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Complete Assignments

- Complete assignments and use class time wisely
- Assume responsibility for incomplete or missed work or that which needs re-drafting
- Complete homework each evening

Behave in a Respectful and Courteous Manner

- Use acceptable language towards everyone
- Respect the rights and property of others
- Adhere to and model the Junior and Senior Behaviour Principles

Display appropriate self-control

- In the classroom
- On the playground and other outdoor areas
- During school assemblies and other functions
- In common school areas e.g. the corridors, foyer, stairs, common rooms, dining hall, etc

Follow School Building Regulations

- Use the assigned entrances to enter and exit the building
- Dress appropriately for the weather and outdoor breaks
- Label and keep track of personal items (supplies, clothing)

Be an active member of a Community of Excellence

- Celebrate others' successes, achievements, and progress.
- Provide helpful feedback and critique of work (not people)
- Have high expectations of yourself and others.
- Aim to master knowledge and skills, including character skills and learning dispositions.
- Aim to consistently produce high quality work by re-drafting frequently if necessary.

SCHOOL RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Academic Progress

Is central to life at Ditcham Park School. It is therefore vital that pupils attend all timetabled and extracurricular lessons and activities punctually, bringing all necessary materials and completing all tasks to the best of their ability. Pupils should always be looking to raise the level of their performance and understanding by seeking to do more than the minimum to 'get by'. Their behaviour must not disrupt the learning of others.

Absence from Lessons

Must be authorised by tutors or a senior member of staff if the pupil is not recorded as out of school.



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Belongings

All belongings used in school must be in an appropriate named school bag, hung up or stored in desks or cubby holes. A secure locker can be provided on request for the storage of valuable items. Personal possessions left lying around are taken to lost property.

Businesses or Trading

The school does not knowingly permit pupils trading in an unsupervised manner on site. Pupils are prohibited from running a business from school without the involvement of a teacher, e.g. young enterprise.

Bullying

Bullying is seen as an offence, please see the school Anti Bullying Policy which is available on our school website.

Co-Curricular & Sporting Activities

These are an integral part of school life. Pupils are expected to abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the 'game', accept both victory and defeat graciously and make every effort, consistent with fair play and the laws of the game, to help their own team win.

Football and ball games should be played in designated areas.

Dangerous Items

Items such as knives or a weapon of any kind should not be brought into school. Use of any item to threaten or cause harm is a serious offence. For further details please see the behaviour policy available on the school website.

Food

Pupils may bring in snacks from home and a packed lunch but these must be **nut-free**. Chewing Gum is not permitted at Ditcham Park School.

Dining Hall food must not be taken away from the dining room unless permission given.

Dress and Hair

During the school day pupils must wear school uniform, which follows the school uniform policy. It must be clean and of the correct size. Girls with long hair should tie it back during practical lessons such as science, art, design & technology, PE. Boys are not permitted to grow facial hair.

Adornments in hair are not permitted e.g. flowers, glittery hair bands etc. Junior children whose hair falls below the collar line are expected to wear their hair tied back using plain ties in green, black or brown. Pupils should not wear jewellery. The exception is for girls where one pair of small stud earrings in each ear lobe is permissible. Boys are not permitted to wear single earrings. No pupil should have a body piercing that is visible e.g. tongue, nose, eyebrow.

Drugs (illegal, or so called 'legal highs' or CBD products) and Alcohol

All above are not allowed (see Behaviour Policy). The normal sanction for possession or involvement with drugs is expulsion.

Alcohol is not permitted for pupils at any time. The rules forbid a pupil from bringing alcohol onto school premises or being in possession of alcohol or obtaining or supplying alcohol to another or being impaired by alcohol while on school premises or in the care of the School. In addition, there



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will be a sanction for bringing the School into disrepute for any reason associated with alcohol, whether or not the pupil is in the care of the School at the time.

Prescription and Over the Counter Medication

These must be handed in to the school office with a completed medication form, unless it is emergency medication such as an epi pen which is carried around by the individual pupil.

Environment

When around the school please bear these things in mind to help your peers and the environment.

- Switch off lights in rooms when you leave them so that they are not left on all day
- Switch off electrical items when not in use
- Avoid leaving windows open
- Leave bathrooms and toilets clean and tidy
- Take care to avoid damaging school property. In the event of damage inform a member of staff.

Litter is unsightly and potentially dangerous. Please be considerate and put all your litter and rubbish into an appropriate bin.

Extremism

Extremism in any form is not tolerated. Pupils are actively encouraged to challenge extremist views and in turn promote the school's ethos and values alongside the Shared British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

False Identification

This is illegal; pupils must not be in possession of any such documents or cards.

Fighting

Inappropriate contact or fraternisation is not permitted.

Gambling

Gambling is not allowed. Pupils are forbidden to take or place bets (including telephone or internet gambling).

Language

Pupils use of language should always be appropriate. English is to be spoken in all communal areas in the company of other pupils and staff. Swearing and blasphemy are not tolerated at Ditcham Park School.

'Banter' can become an excuse for inappropriate behaviour that is neither respectful or indicative of high standards of personal integrity; to this effect 'banter' and associated behaviours have no place at Ditcham Park School.

Mobile Phones and Portable Electronic Devices (e.g. iPods)

These must not be used during the school day. Juniors should not bring a mobile phone into school. Seniors should secure their mobile phone in their Yondr pouch on arrival at school and therefore are not permitted to use their mobile phone during the school day. The exception to this is in some



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lessons such as art the teacher will permit pupils to use their mobile phone for a specific learning purpose.

Pupils must follow the acceptable ICT user policy when accessing the internet. Pupils must also follow the guidance in the anti-bullying policy on cyber bullying.

Offsite

When offsite pupils are only permitted offsite during the school day if accompanied by a member of staff, parent or guardian. All pupils must sign in and out at reception if off site during the school day.

Pornography

In any form, is not permitted.

Relationships

Positive and supportive relationships lie at the heart of life at Ditcham Park and every member of our School community has a responsibility to ensure that their dealings with others are amicable and appropriate. This means that they should be considerate of others, respect their rights and opinions and maintain a high standard of conduct at all times. Public displays of overt affection or intimacy, particularly those which might make members of the community feel uncomfortable, are unacceptable.

Anyone found engaging in any form of sexual intercourse, or apparent sexual intercourse or explicit sexual relations, must expect to be expelled. Likewise, sexting is not permitted, and severe sanctions will be applied to those involved, be it in school or out of school.

School Grounds

Pupils must remain within the boundaries of the school grounds.

Smoking

Smoking and the possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes or any vaping paraphernalia by pupils in the care of the school are not permitted, and this includes traveling to and from school.

Textbooks and Library Books

All school books should be looked after and returned in good condition. Any books not returned will be charged for.

Water Bottles

All pupils are encouraged to remain hydrated, however, they may only contain water, unless permission is given for medical reasons.

These rules are not exhaustive and exclusive. They should be read and interpreted within the context of our Behaviour Principles and Expectations.