

# Knockmahon NS

## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

1. The school day commences at 9.20 a.m. Pupils are advised to arrive in time for school. If pupils are dropped off before 9.20 am they are to remain in the school yard. The Board of Management cannot accept any responsibility for them before 9.20 am.
2. The school day ends for Junior and Senior Infants at 2.00 p.m. and at 3.00 p.m. for the remaining classes.
3. Pupils who remain behind on the school premises after the appointed time are not covered by school insurance, and the Board of Management can take no responsibility for them.
4. Classes leaving or entering their room must do so in an orderly manner.
5. Children are not permitted in classrooms during break times except on wet or cold days unless they have a note from home requesting the child to be kept in.
6. No glass bottles or glass objects are allowed.
7. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school premises without permission. Teachers must be advised if a child has to leave school early. The Principal/Teacher must be advised if any other person is collecting their child/children from school.
8. A note for absenteeism is expected on return to school.
9. A child who shows signs of illness should be kept at home - relevant information should be given to the teacher when the child returns to the school.
10. Pupils are expected to have a homework journal. Parents are requested to ensure that homework has been completed and sign the journal. A note of explanation is required if homework has not been completed.
11. Pupils are expected to wear their school uniform from Monday to Friday and on out of school activities e.g. matches.
12. Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones or electronic games to school.
13. Substance use- the management of alcohol, tobacco and drug related incidents will be guided by the substance use policy of the school.
14. Pupils may not cycle inside the school gates.
15. Bullying, either physical or mental, is forbidden.
16. No rough play, fighting, "play fighting" or using of bad language.
17. Respect and consideration must be shown for school property, furniture and other pupil's property.
18. All waste and litter is to be placed in bins provided.
19. Respect must be shown at all times to teachers and staff. The teacher on duty in the yard or play area must be obeyed at all times.

**Pupils care for themselves by:**

1. Having a positive attitude to school and classmates.
2. Being clean, neat and tidy, and by wearing full uniform.
3. Having a healthy lunch.

**Pupils show respect for others by:**

1. Showing respect at all times to other pupils
2. Being respectful to school staff and visitors to the school and respecting the teacher on yard duty and obeying them at all times.
3. Not participating in rough play, fighting or "play fighting"
4. Bullying, either physical or verbal, is forbidden.
5. Use of bad language is forbidden.

**Pupils care for their school by:**

1. Showing respect to school property and furniture.
2. Putting waste paper in the bins provided.
3. No cycling inside the school gates. Bicycles brought to school can be stored safely in the shed.

**Breaches of Discipline:**

1. Pupils may be detained in their classroom at break time with work allocated.
2. Where there is a continuous breach of discipline, e.g. continuous disruption in the classroom or on school grounds, the teacher and principal will discuss the problem with the parents.
3. If there is no improvement in the situation, the Board of Management will be informed.
4. Suspension/expulsion (in accordance with Rule 130 for National Schools as amended by circular 7/88).