

## **St Mogue's Code of Positive Behaviour**

St. Mogue's College is committed to educating the whole person to his/her full potential. Each student is directed and helped to become the best person he/she is capable of becoming.

In order to undertake this task, **staff need the help and co-operation of parents/guardians.**

The following code has been formulated so that parents, teachers and students can work together for the spiritual, intellectual, physical, social, moral and aesthetic education of the young person.

### **As a student at St.Mogue's College, you are expected to:**

#### **1. Respect yourself**

- If I respect myself, I will show respect to other people.

#### **2. Respect the authority of all staff**

- Follow instructions immediately
- Speak in an appropriate and respectful manner

#### **3. Respect other students**

- Use appropriate language
- Be courteous and polite

#### **4. Work and play in a safe responsible manner**

- Follow classroom and school rules

#### **5. Respect property**

- Use school equipment and materials properly
- Treat other student's possessions with respect

#### **6. Display a positive attitude**

- Attend school on time
- Attend each class on time
- Have your journal, copy, correct book and equipment for each class
- Follow the guidelines for classroom behaviour
- Follow the guidelines for homework
- Wear the complete school uniform
- When absent provide your Year Tutor with an explanation on the appropriate form on the first day of your return

## **Unacceptable behaviour**

1. Defiance of authority or deliberate disruption
2. Harassment or intimidation of students or staff
3. Fighting – verbal or physical threat or action against another person
4. Theft
5. Vandalism – deliberate destruction of or damage to property
6. Foul language – offensive or coarse language
7. Mithing
8. Use of mobile phones, ipods, mp3 players and other multimedia devices.
9. Smoking/drinking alcohol/use of illegal substances in school, on school grounds, while in school uniform , on school trips
10. Eating or drinking in class
11. Chewing gum
12. Littering
- 13. Anti-social behaviour during and outside school hours which contravenes the ethos of the school.**

**Students who consistently display positive behaviour are recognised by teachers with verbal and non-verbal praise, personal recognition from the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Tutors or Teachers, rewards which will include organised trips.**

**They are also eligible for special awards at our Annual Gala Awards Ceremony.**

Students who consistently display negative behaviour are encouraged by teachers to adopt a more positive behaviour pattern. Negative behaviour has a number of clearly defined consequences.

## **Consequences**

**When students do not observe the school's Positive Behaviour Code one or more of the following sanctions may be carried out:**

- Verbal warning
- Communication with parent/guardian through journal or by phone
- Referral to Year Tutor, Deputy Principal or Principal depending on the gravity of the situation.
- Removal from class or activity
- Lunchtime detention
- Daily report which a student will carry from class to class and have signed each night by a parent and which will be given to Year Tutor(white),Deputy Principal(orange), Principal(red) for inspection the next morning.
- In-school suspension
- Suspension
- Referral for evaluation of suspected behavioural, learning or emotional problems
- Referral to Social Services or Gardai
- Referral to the Board of Management
- Restitution of damage to property
- Expulsion

These sanctions will be documented on the student's school record and kept on file.

This list is not comprehensive and the school reserves the right to impose sanctions for other violations which it considers serious.

The Principal/Deputy Principal reserve the right to suspend or expel a student for a single, serious breach of discipline. Parents and students are asked to note that it is not possible to detail every rule and regulation governing one's behavior at school. Attendance at this school is conditional upon acceptance of the code of behavior and the Board of Management reserves the right to make the final decision in its interpretation.

St. Mogue's College operates a zero tolerance policy towards all forms of anti-social behavior displayed by its students during and outside school time which contravenes the ethos of the school.