



St. Mary's Primary School  
Scoil Náisiúnta Mhuire

## Scoil Náisiúnta Mhuire, Rossscarbery

# CODE OF DISCIPLINE

## Policy Document

The aims of our school: -

We try to instil in the children, by word and example, courtesy and respect towards each other, in and out of school: towards adults and especially towards the elderly. We teach them respect, for themselves and others and respect for property. We instil in them a pride in themselves, their school and local environment.

We endeavour to provide in our school a climate in which each child can grow and mature spiritually, physically, intellectually and emotionally. We aim to reinforce positive behaviour at all times.

In order that these Aims stated become a reality in the children's behaviour, the following is our **Code of Conduct**: -

1. Punctuality.
2. Homework to be done each night Monday – Thursday.
3. A written note is expected for:-
  - (a) Permission to leave school grounds.
  - (b) Change in collection arrangements.
  - (c) When homework is not done.
  - (d) To explain absenteeism.
  - (e) When uniform is not worn.
4. The following are unacceptable in the school:-
  - a. Damaging school property.
  - b. Disrespect by pupils towards their teachers and other adults in the school e.g.
    - i. Disobedience.
    - ii. Not accepting correction.
    - iii. Derogatory remarks.
5. Disrespect by pupils towards each other – bullying -e.g.
  - (a) Derogatory remarks.
  - (b) Name-calling.
  - (c) Isolating another pupil.
  - (d) Interfering with another pupil's property.

**Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct will incur the following sanctions:**

1. A child who persists in being disobedient or disruptive is given a warning by the teacher.
2. The pupil may be sent to the Principal after this (dependent on the nature of the incident).
3. Detention during free time is imposed if warnings are not heeded.
4. If incident occurs in school yard, pupil has "time out".
5. Privileges withdrawn.
6. If disobedience still persists parents/guardians are notified.

**In the case of gross misbehaviour**, where it is necessary to ensure that order and discipline are maintained, and to secure the safety of pupils and staff, the Board may authorise the Principal to sanction an immediate suspension in accordance to Rule 130(5) of Rules for National Schools and the Education Welfare Act 2000.

**Expulsion may be considered in extreme cases** in accordance to Rule 130(6) of Rules for National Schools and the Education Welfare Act 2000.

**If a serious breach of discipline occurs, parents are contacted immediately.**

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I have read and fully understood the Code of Discipline Policy and agree to abide by same.

Parent's signature on behalf of their child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be signed by pupil when she is in Third Class**

I have read and fully understood the Code of Discipline Policy and agree to abide by same.

Pupil's Signature (Pupils from Third Class – Sixth Class) : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This Policy was ratified by the Board of Management

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairperson of Board of Management)