

ST BEDE'S TRUST RULES

These Trust School Rules, which may undergo change from time to time, are to be circulated to members of staff, pupils and parents of St Bede's Schools.

Pupils are expected to abide by these rules when at the school, travelling to and from the school, when representing the school and during trips and visits.

Parents and pupils are expected to support the aims, ethos, policies and rules of the school and to uphold its good name and reputation. Some of these rules may seem rather incongruous within the life of a preparatory school, but they are intended to cover all the children in the Trust from the Preparatory School to the Senior School.

1. Unacceptable Behaviour

Any behaviour that is deemed unacceptable by the school can draw sanctions, which in a serious case may result in removal from the school.

- a) Incidents of theft, blackmail, physical violence, intimidation, bullying (as defined in the school's bullying policy), racism, vandalism, computer hacking, etc, are not tolerated at the school.
- b) Likewise, persistent rudeness or the disruption of a school activity / lesson will not be tolerated.

Pupils breaching 1a or 1b may expect to be suspended from school. Serious or persistent breaches may result in removal from school.

2. Boarding

- a) Pupils may not enter an area of the boarding house occupied by pupils of the opposite sex.
- b) Except in an emergency, boarders must not leave their boarding house after 7:15pm.

Pupils found to be in breach of rules 2a) and 2b) above must expect to be suspended from school. Repeated breaches of these rules may result in removal from the school.

3. **Misconduct of a Sexual Nature**

Misconduct of a sexual nature may result in removal from the school. This may include:

- i) The committing of a sexual act by a pupil with another person whilst on school premises, or during a school trip or visit, whether or not the pupil or the other person is aged 16 or over.
- ii) Any act of indecency by a pupil.
- iii) The supply or possession of pornography, which includes the loading and/or downloading of pornographic images or text to or from the internet.

4. **Drugs and Substances**

Drugs and substances means controlled drugs and the paraphernalia of drugs or substances intended to resemble drugs, or 'legal' drugs which can be obtained from a chemist shop; performance enhancing drugs; anabolic steroids; glue; solvents and other substances held or supplied in each case for the purposes of misuse.

- a) Anyone supplying drugs and substances must also expect to be expelled immediately, even if s/he is about to sit public examinations.
- b) Anyone possessing or using drugs and substances must also expect to be expelled. (In exceptional cases a supportive regime, whereby the pupil agrees to submit to random urine tests, may be offered as an alternative to expulsion for this category of misuse).
- c) If there is reason to suspect that a pupil has been involved with drugs or substances, s/he may be asked to supply a urine sample for analysis.

5. **Alcohol and Tobacco**

- a) Alcohol must not be brought in to the school or consumed in school.
- b) No pupil is permitted to use or supply or bring into school tobacco or any product containing tobacco.

Appropriate sanctions for breaches of rules 5a) and 5b) above may range from detention or loss of privileges for first minor breaches, to suspension, an agreed withdrawal by parents, or a required removal for wilful and/or persistent breaches.