



**Scoil Angela**

**Ursuline Primary, Thurles.**

**Code of Behaviour**

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There are two related principles on which the 'Code of Behaviour' is based. The two principles are explored in more detail below. In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, we insist that each pupil observes this code.

### **1. All pupils and members of the school community have the right to be treated with respect and to work in a clean, calm and safe environment.**

This means;

- a) Covid 19 and protective measures to maintain a clean and safe environment.
  - I will clean my hands often.
  - I will sanitise my hands as directed by my teachers.
  - I will cough or sneeze in my bent elbow – not my hands!
  - I will stay with my class.
  - I will avoid close contact with someone who is sick.
  - I will keep my desk tidy so that it can be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
  
- b) *Show respect for others by working sensibly in the classroom and do not disrupt the learning of others, e.g.*
  - I will listen and pay attention when the teacher talks.
  - I will put my hand up to answer questions. I will not call out.
  - I will say 'Excuse Me' if interrupting adults speaking.
  - I will be honest. I will not hide the truth.
  - I will be kind and helpful. I will not hurt other children's feelings.
  - I will be gentle. I will not hurt anyone physically.

- I will use 'please' and 'thank you' in my interactions with others.
- I will not leave the class at any time without the teacher's permission.
- I will put my chair under the table when leaving my seat.
- I will look after all property. I will not damage or waste things.
- I will try not to 'over-celebrate' success- it's okay to be happy and proud but teasing behaviour towards others is not acceptable.
- I will do my best at all times. I will not waste time.

c) *Show consideration for others by moving around the school building quietly and carefully e.g.*

- I will walk on the right-hand side of the corridor and stairs.
- I will not sing or talk loudly when moving around school.
- I will greet the Teachers by name- 'Good morning, Ms Molony'.
- I will stand back for Teachers/Adults on corridors and at doorways.
- I will not run or push others.
- I will hold/open doors for other people.
- I will latch the door 'open' if I am being followed by a group.
- I will always close the door behind me when entering a room.
- I will stay with my class at all times.

d) *Scoil Angela promotes a **zero tolerance** to **bullying**.*

*I will not say or do anything that encourages bullying e.g.*

- I will not punch, kick, hit or spit at anyone.
- I will not join in 'name calling'.
- I will be fair. I will not tell silly tales.
- I understand that accidents can happen- if someone falls against me, it doesn't mean they have 'pushed' me. I will consider that it may have been an accident and accept the apology.

- I will not exclude others from discussions, activities or games.
- I will not push my way into a game and take over. I know that a good idea when attempting to join in a game, is to watch for a while, make a nice comment i.e., 'good pass, Sean' and then ask to join in.
- If I am being bullied, I will tell an adult.
- If I see another child being bullied, I will tell an adult.

e) *Scoil Angela promotes a **zero tolerance** to pupils **smoking**.*

- Pupils found smoking on the school premises will be reported to the Principal and the child will be removed from the school in consultation with their parents/guardians.

f) *Scoil Angela promotes a **zero tolerance** towards **alcohol misuse**, therefore all incidents will be automatically reported to the Gardai.*

g) *Scoil Angela promotes a **zero tolerance** towards **drug/solvent abuse**, therefore all incidents will be reported to the Gardai.*

## 2. All pupils must be punctual and well prepared if they are to make the most out of their time at school.

This means;

a) *Attend school every day and be in plenty of time.*

- I should always be in school on time. The bell goes at 8.55 and class begins at 9.00.
- If I've been absent my parents will record the absence on the School App.
- I am aware that holidays during term time are not permitted in accordance with the Education Welfare Act 2000.

b) *Wear the correct school clothes.*

- I know that there are designated tracksuit and uniform days and I will be informed about those days by my class teacher.
- I should always be aware of my personal cleanliness.
- No bracelets or necklaces or multiple dangly earrings for health and safety reasons.
- I know that white, green, grey or black plain tights only are permitted.
- I know that my hair needs to be tied back if possible.
- I should show respect and be proud of my school when wearing my school uniform and tracksuit in public.

c) *Bring everything you need for classroom activities.*

- Writing equipment, books and folders etc.
- No valuable items allowed e.g.; hand held computer games.
- I phones are not permitted. If I have to bring a mobile phone it must be switched off and stored in teacher's box for the duration of the school day.

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We agree to accept the Code of Behaviour of Scoil Angela

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Child)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

If my child requires medical attention during the school day or at school events and I cannot be contacted, I give my permission to the school to make any decision that is necessary in the interest of my child's health and safety.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: Mrs. Catherine Reynolds

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