



# School Rules

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## Pupil and Parent Responsibilities

The school expects that each pupil will:

Expectation	Rationale
<b>Attend school regularly and remain for the full day.</b>	<p>These are rules of our school because missing class adversely affects progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School begins at <b>8.50 am</b>, gates open at 8:45</li> <li>● School finishes at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Junior and Senior Infants- <b>1.30pm</b>. (Parents should collect the infants at the school gate.)</li> <li>○ 1st-6th Class- <b>2.30pm</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● No child is allowed to leave the school premises unaccompanied by a teacher or without being signed out by a parent/guardian.</li> <li>● Parents should communicate to the school the reasons for children's absences through the Aladdin app</li> </ul>
<b>Arrive to school on time.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school because not being on time causes disruption for the teacher, the pupils and the teaching and learning that is taking place. Also, as our school is concerned with the development of the whole person we see the importance of encouraging pupils to develop good punctuality which will be expected of them in the workplace.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All pupils who are not in their classroom and ready to learn by <b>9am</b> will be considered late and marked as such on Aladdin.</li> </ul>
<b>Be polite and courteous at all times.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school as a pleasant working environment is more conducive to teaching and learning. Manners are also an important aspect of education.</p>
<b>Play in a gentle manner at all times. We have a hands off policy in our school.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school because having respect for oneself and others promotes a respectful and caring atmosphere where the rights of every person are upheld.</p> <p>Kicking, fighting and bullying are forbidden. Parents who suspect that a child is being bullied should contact the class teacher immediately.</p>
<b>Show respect for school property.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school because defacing/damaging/stealing school property shows a lack of respect for the school environment and the school community of which the pupil is a member.</p>
<b>Move quietly around the school in an orderly manner.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school for the health and safety of pupils and staff and so that teaching and learning can take place without unnecessary disturbances.</p>
<b>Attend school in full uniform.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school as the uniform singles the pupil out as a member of our school community. Presenting oneself properly is an important aspect of school life and educates the pupil for what might be expected in the workplace in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Children should be neatly dressed in full clean school uniform at all times.</li> <li>● No stripes or logos are allowed on school trousers or polo shirt.</li> <li>● School uniform consists of <b>red</b> school sweatshirt, <b>navy</b> polo shirt, <b>navy</b> tracksuit bottoms, <b>smart navy</b> trousers or skirt with <b>navy</b> tights or socks.</li> <li>● <b>Footwear</b>; black/navy shoes, boots, and dark navy/black runners. Rollers on runners strictly forbidden.</li> <li>● <b>Hair</b>; In the interest of hygiene, <b>long hair must be tied back</b>.</li> </ul> <p>Also not permitted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dyed hair/Hair extensions/hair pieces</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Skinhead/ Number 0 or 1 razor cuts/ Decorative haircuts</li> <li>○ Make-up or nail varnish is not allowed.</li> <li>● Items of jewellery are not allowed, except stud earrings and watches.</li> <li>● <b>All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name.</b> This should be checked periodically throughout the school year to ensure the name label hasn't faded.</li> <li>● We are confident that parents/guardians will understand and support the rationale behind this uniform code, which encourages a sense of identification with the school, is cost effective and prevents competitive dressing among students.</li> <li>● It will be the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their child arrives in school in full uniform.</li> <li>● <b><i>Students not in full uniform must have a note of explanation from their parents/guardians.</i></b></li> </ul>
<b>Bring all required books and equipment to class.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school as having no books or equipment can lead to disruption in class and interrupt teaching and learning. Books and equipment are also essential aids in the learning process.</p> <p><b>The use of mobile phones in school is strictly forbidden unless requested by a teacher. Refer to our school's Acceptable Use Policy for further details.</b></p>
<b>Listen to instructions and act on them.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school so that instructions given to assist the smooth running of the school are carried out in the interests of all.</p>
<b>Complete all homework given.</b>	<p>This is a rule of our school as completing homework is an essential part of the learning process and it reinforces work explored in class.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians are asked to support the teachers and ensure that homework is being completed by checking each night that homework is completed. Parents should sign this only when this work is to their satisfaction.</p>
<b>Bring in a nutritious and healthy lunch and snacks.</b>	<p>Lunches should be nutritious e.g. sandwiches and fruit. Children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, diluted juices, crisps, chewing gum, sweets, chocolate bars, biscuits or yogurt. Good wholesome food and water(only) will help your child's concentration and behaviour at school and at home. Our school is NUT FREE.</p>

Our school values the support and cooperation of parents in the promotion of the school rules and our Code of Behaviour. Parents should communicate with the school in relation to any problems which may affect their child's progress/behaviour using the appropriate methods as set out in our Communication Policy.

Good behaviour is promoted and rewarded in our school and sanctions and other strategies are utilised to discourage misbehaviour as per our Code of Behaviour.

Before the beginning of each school year, parents and pupils will be asked to confirm via Aladdin that they have read and agree to adhere to our school rules.

These school rules were reviewed in line with our Code of Behaviour by the staff , parents and pupils of St. Oliver's National School in June 2024.