



CODE OF CONDUCT

At Redden Court we place great emphasis upon good behaviour. We expect all students to play their part in seeing that the school is a place where there is a well-ordered and safe environment where students can learn and achieve to the best of their ability. Our ten point Code of Conduct is intended to guide students and form the basis for our disciplinary structures.

It is expected that students of Redden Court:

1. will treat others fairly and with consideration;
2. will work sensibly in all lessons without disturbing others;
3. will not be involved in any kind of bullying;
4. will do their best in all aspects of school life;
5. will conduct themselves appropriately in public;
6. will follow the school uniform code;
7. will look after and respect buildings and equipment;
8. will take responsibility for their learning and actions;
9. will move around the school sensibly;
10. will attend regularly and be punctual at all times.

The following is a more detailed explanation of each of these points and is intended to help clarify specific issues.

1. WILL TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY AND WITH CONSIDERATION

- Always treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.
- Allow others to put forward their opinions without interrupting them.
- Accept that all students in the school are equal.
- Racism, in any form, is not tolerated.
- Do not be selfish or intolerant of others.
- Be polite and courteous to teachers, other school staff and all other adults.
- Respect other people's property and report any suspicions of theft.

2. WILL WORK SENSIBLY IN ALL LESSONS WITHOUT DISTURBING OTHERS

- Socialising (chatting) with friends is for break and lunchtimes, NOT during lessons.
- Attempt all homework and classwork to the best of your ability.
- Don't give up without trying.
- Bring all equipment and books which are required for each lesson.
- The teacher of a class has the right to determine where students sit in the classroom.
- Do not call out during lessons. Wait until the teacher invites you to speak and attract the teachers attention by raising your hand and waiting.
- Listen carefully and follow instructions given by the teacher.
- It is absolutely unforgivable if, as a result of poor behaviour, other students are prevented from learning.



3. WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN BULLYING OF ANY KIND

- Bullying is not just hitting others, but includes insults, unpleasant comments and intimidation of any sort. It may occur in the form of physical violence, threatening behaviour, direct and indirect verbal abuse, extreme teasing, inappropriate use of internet/mobile hand held devices.
- What the bully sees as harmless teasing, the victim may see as ruthless bullying.
- Reports of bullying are always taken seriously and are investigated.
- Parents of students who are found to have been bullying are always contacted.
- All bullying should be reported. There is no shame in doing so.
- Everyone should play their part in discouraging bullying.

4. WILL DO THEIR BEST IN ALL ASPECTS OF SCHOOL LIFE

- Make full use of all the opportunities which are presented by the school.
- Try to take part in as many different activities as possible.

5. WILL CONDUCT THEMSELVES APPROPRIATELY

- Wear school uniform correctly at all times in school, and when travelling to and from school.
- If travelling on the bus to school, respect the rights and privacy of other bus users.
- The school's reputation within the community depends upon students' behaviour around the area of the school.
- Smoking creates a bad impression and will not be tolerated.
- The use of bad language and swear words both at school and in public must be avoided.

6. WILL FOLLOW THE SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE

- Check the uniform code before purchasing new items of uniform.
- "I didn't know I couldn't wear it" is not an excuse.
- If jewellery is worn, it may be confiscated.
- Extremes of hair fashion are not allowed. Patterns etched into extremely short hair, dyed or coloured rinsed hair are not permitted.

7. WILL LOOK AFTER AND RESPECT BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

- Help to look after the school and its property. Report any damage immediately.
- Help to keep the school clean by not writing graffiti on desks, walls, floors and fittings.
- Put litter in the bins, and don't eat or drink while in the school buildings.
- Report any vandalism.

8. WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR WORK AND ACTIONS

- Know what work you have to do, find out if any is missed and catch up.
- Hand in homework on time and seek help if there are any problems.
- Do as requested by members of staff.
- Students must accept the facts when they are in the wrong
- 'Forgetting' is not an excuse.



9. WILL MOVE AROUND THE SCHOOL SENSIBLY

- Move about the corridors quietly, quickly and sensibly.
- Do not run and keep to the left at all times.
- When on the stairs keep to the left, in single file.
- Open doors carefully, do not kick or slam them. Hold them open for others to pass through.

10. WILL ATTEND REGULARLY AND BE PUNCTUAL

- It is difficult to make progress in school if attendance is poor.
- Poor attendance can seriously damage employment prospects.
- Bring a letter from parents to explain all absence.
- Very few excuses are accepted for lateness.

SPECIFIC RULE

The following should not be brought to school:

Tobacco, lighters and matches, knives and other weapons, fireworks.
Jewellery (unless permitted in Uniform Code), personal stereos, MP3 players, iPod's and chewing gum will be confiscated. Mobile phones must be handed in before school every day.

It is important that students and their parents should understand and accept the School's Code of Conduct.