

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

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Every individual needs to contribute in order to ensure a friendly, pleasant and safe school environment. The behaviour of all those who live, learn and work at the DSL must therefore be governed by consideration, respect, courtesy and a sense of responsibility.

Pupils must behave in such a manner that everyone feels comfortable in the school environment. New pupils are made to feel welcome in their class and at school.

Teaching and learning during lessons can only be successful in a quiet and ordered environment. All pupils are therefore expected to be punctual, have all the necessary material and homework ready, as well as be quiet and concentrate during lessons.

The property of others, including school property, is treated with respect by all pupils. Use of mobiles and similar equipment is strictly forbidden in the school building and on the school grounds. Should such devices be used in school they are likely to be confiscated.

Pupils may not behave in any manner, which might endanger or obstruct anyone in the building. They are polite and respectful, especially to visitors.

Everyone at the DSL must dress appropriately.

Conflicts are dealt with peacefully, or settled with the help of peer mediators.

Rewarding good behaviour:

School committees are currently discussing how to encourage and reward positive behaviour. The following options are already in place:

- Positive social behaviour is commended during Assemblies.
- Pupils' good behaviour is mentioned positively in their reports.
- The John Gay Prize is awarded for outstanding social commitment.

Sanctions for unacceptable behaviour:

DSL has instituted a zero-tolerance policy for any breaches of the School Rules in the building or on the school grounds: a letter is sent to the pupil's parents.

Unacceptable behaviour during lessons may be recorded in the class register. The next step is a written notification by the subject teacher (*Fachlehrermitteilung*) and by the class teacher (*Klassenlehrermitteilung*) to the parents.

Repeated cases of misbehaviour result in disciplinary consequences, which are outlined in the Disciplinary Procedures of the DSL. These range from a written warning (*Verweis*), to temporary expulsion from lessons, a warning of expulsion (*Verweisung*) and finally being expelled from the school.

In addition to this Behaviour Policy, the following Policies apply:

- DSL School Rules

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- LRC (Learning Resources Centre) and Cafeteria Rules
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Photo and IT Policy

In case of misbehaviour during exams, the respective exam policies apply.