



## CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The code of behaviour of Scoil Mhuire is based on our desire to create and maintain a friendly, safe environment where each student has the freedom to learn and to develop relationships.

1. Each student is expected to respect him/her self, staff, fellow students and school property.
2. Each student is expected to attend school in full school uniform every day, be punctual for all classes and have the necessary books and equipment. A note is required for any absence dated and signed by parent/guardian on the day of return.
3. In the interest of health and safety the following are not allowed:
  - (a) Smoking
  - (b) Tippex, Aerosol deodorant sprays
  - (c) Chewing Gum
  - (d) Wearing of jewellery with the exception of a watch and one pair of small earrings for girls
  - (e) Make up or facial jewellery
  - (f) Leaving class or school without permission
  - (g) Presence in areas out of bounds
4. The use of Drugs/Alcohol and any banned substance is absolutely forbidden in school and at all school related activities.
5. Hair colouring other than highlighting of your own natural colours and inappropriate hair styles and colours.

Communication with parents in relation to sanctions:

- Initial communication will be a telephone call, note written in the school journal or by letter depending on the circumstances.
- Where there are repeated instances of serious misbehaviour the parents will be requested in writing, to meet the Principal.
- In the case of suspension of a student, the parent/Guardian concerned will be invited to come to the school to discuss their daughter/son.
- The decision to exclude or impose a lesser sanction will be taken by the Board of Management after a case conference; this is in relation to an expulsion.

## **APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Section 28 of the Education Act makes provision for an internal grievance procedure. Under this section, the parents/guardians of a student who has not yet reached the age of 18 years may appeal:

To the Board of Management against the decision of a teacher or other staff member  
To the Board of Management arising out of a grievance relating to the students school shall be heard and appropriate remedial action, shall where necessary be taken.

In such circumstances, parents are welcome to the school but are requested to have an appointment to ensure adequate time to deal with the complaint. Similarly it is not possible to expect to meet any teacher during class time without a prior appointment.