

Discipline Policy

The discipline policy of the school is based on the concept that personal freedom is accompanied by the responsibility to respect the freedom of others. Common courtesy, good manners and mutual respect are expected

Discipline is most meaningful when it is self-imposed or self-controlled. It is therefore necessary that the school have the parents' support, cooperation and assistance when required.

When a child has shown inappropriate behaviour, a teacher and/or an administrator will speak to him/her. The child has the right to explain the actions that led up to the misbehaviour. Children will also be encouraged and shown how to use alternative and more acceptable ways to deal with problems.

When it is clear that a child has acted inappropriately, he/she might be asked to stay in at recess, during lunch, or asked to do a written assignment/reflection sheet for homework. A child who is bussed home would not be kept in after school the same day. The child's parents would be contacted and arrangements made to have the child stay in another day.

In situations that involve physical or verbal abuse, the parents will be notified by phone or in writing. **Repeated infractions or serious situations may result in a student being suspended from school.** In extreme cases, a student may be suspended for up to five days.

In general, rules are drawn up with the safety of children and the creation of a positive learning environment in mind:



The most important question to ask is not "What am I getting?"
The most important question to ask is "What am I becoming?"

Jim Rohn

School Rules

The following school rules apply to all students, at all times, regardless of whether they are in class, in the schoolyard, in the lunch program or part of daycare. Parents are asked to review the rules listed below with their children. The purpose of these rules is to promote student safety and to develop habits of self-control and disciplined behaviour.

1. Respect for others

- Show respect for all adults and students at all times. Respect includes courtesy, good manners, politeness, cooperation, proper tone of voice and facial expressions.
- Listen to and follow the instructions of teachers, lunch supervisors and other adults responsible for you while you are in school.

2. Violence, Aggression and Dangerous Behaviours

- Violence or aggression will NOT BE TOLERATED. Administration will deal directly with anyone engaged in this type of behaviour. It may result in a suspension.
- Bullying (to treat others abusively, repeatedly, especially those who are less powerful) will NOT BE TOLERATED. Bullying includes physical or emotional abuse. Regardless of where the bullying takes place (e.g. cyber bullying occurring at home), it will be addressed by the school if the victim of the abuse feels unsafe and threatened while in school. There will be consequences to the bully.
- Physical abuse such as yelling, pushing, fighting will not be tolerated and will have consequences. These actions do not solve problems. Instead, discuss the problem with the person or ask an adult for help.
- Emotional abuse such as mocking, humiliating and ridiculing will not be tolerated and will have consequences.
- Dangerous behaviour of any kind is not permitted.

3. Respect for Property

- Show respect for the property of others. You must avoid tearing, breaking, and losing any schoolbooks and materials. You will be charged for damaged property.
- Do not invade the privacy of other students. Do not go into the locker or desk of another student or any teacher without permission. Ask permission to borrow another person's pencil, eraser, etc., and return the borrowed item in good condition.
- Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere in the school building, on school property or on the bus.
- Jackets, boots, school bags and other items should be placed neatly in the lockers and lockers should be shut.

- Help keep the floors of the classrooms, the hallways and the schoolyard clean by putting litter in the garbage cans provided.
- When using hallway sinks or the washrooms, do not throw or splash water, do not waste soap or paper towels. Remember to keep the washroom clean!

4. **Personal Possessions:**

- Electronic devices such as Walkman radios, electronic games, cell phones, pagers, i-pods, MP3s, etc. must NEVER be brought to school. These can easily be misplaced, lost or broken and the school will not assume any responsibility for them. If brought to school, these items will be confiscated and will be returned after a period of time to be determined by school administration.
 - Occasionally, for school excursions or special events, digital cameras may be brought to school.
 - Toys are not to be brought to school. Exceptions may be made at the school's discretion for special events such as show and tell, day before Christmas holidays, etc. Toys that are brought to school will be confiscated and will be returned at the discretion of school administration.
5. Students must never open any of the school doors to visitors. Visitors are to come by the front door and they will be buzzed in by the office.
 6. Students must be on time. If late, they must go to the office to pick up a late slip.
 7. Hats, hoods and caps are not to be worn inside the building. Religious head covering is exempt from this rule.
 8. Students must dress according to the East Hill dress code.
 9. At the sound of the recess and lunch bells, students must line up and be ready to enter the building in a calm and quiet manner.
 10. Shouting at any time or running (except during the gym period) are prohibited in the school building. Movement from class to class must be done in an orderly manner and quickly.
 11. Once students have exited the building at dismissal time, they may not re-enter the building to retrieve forgotten items. Students must be responsible for developing their organizational skills and pack their belongings at the designated times.