

THE SCHOOL'S CONDUCT POLICY

Blaengwawr's policy is to encourage good standards of behaviour, so that every pupil is able to learn more effectively in a caring school. To promote good behaviour pupils need to observe the following beneficial guidelines.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

- Pupils must attend regularly. If absent, a note must be brought from the parent giving the reason for absence.
- Pupils must be punctual and arrive at school before the beginning of morning and afternoon sessions. They must not loiter on the main roads but come directly to school. Detention is given to pupils who are late to school more than once in a week.
- Pupils are expected to enter and leave school by the authorised exit, keeping to the pathways provided.
- All pupils will wear school uniform.
- All items of clothing and equipment should be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- The wearing of jewellery is prohibited, although pupils may wear either one pair of sleepers or one pair of studs in the lobe of each ear.
- Mobile telephones and personal music players (e.g. MP3 players and iPods) are not permitted in school.
- Unconventional or deviant hairstyles, whether in length or colour, will not be tolerated.
- School meals are served cafeteria-style in the canteen. All pupils are to remain on school premises during breaktime and the lunch break, with the exception of Sixth Form.
- Certain areas, such as the brook running through the school grounds, are designated out of bounds for safety reasons.
- No pupil will be allowed to leave the school premises during school time, in any circumstances, without the express permission of the Headteacher or Senior Staff.
- Whenever possible, medical and dental appointments should be arranged outside school time. However, if appointments have to be made in school hours the pupil must inform his/her form tutor and record the appointment with the secretary who will issue a permission slip to the pupil.
- Pupils must travel from one lesson to another in an orderly manner and in the minimum time, keeping to the left-hand side of the corridors and stairways.
- Valuables are not to be left in the cloakrooms or changing rooms but deposited with a member of staff.
- Detention is one of the disciplinary sanctions of the school. Pupils will be given at least 24 hours written notice if they are to be detained and it is their responsibility to inform their parents.
- Chewing gum is prohibited.
- Any cigarettes, matches or lighters brought onto the premises will be confiscated and the pupils concerned liable to punishment.
- Fire drills will be held periodically. When the fire bell sounds pupils are expected to move in an orderly manner and assemble in their form groupings in the lower tennis courts, where they are to wait quietly while the registers are checked.

- Textbooks and exercise books are on loan to pupils. These items remain, at all times, the property of the school and in the event of loss, damage or defacement, pupils may be charged for a replacement.

WITHIN THE CLASSROOM

PUPILS

- Enter classrooms in an orderly fashion and take your places.
- Do not wear outdoor coats or hats within the school buildings.
- Ensure you have books, pens, pencils, rulers, Personal Planners and any other relevant equipment (for instance, P.E. kit).
- When the teacher is talking, be quiet and listen.
- Put your hand up to answer, do not call out.
- Work sensibly, do not distract or annoy others.
- If late, expect to be detained.
- Do all homework by the set date.
- Do not chew.
- Never leave a lesson without permission.
- Leave the room in an orderly fashion.

PARENTS

If the guidelines are broken your child may:

- Lose break or lunchtime privileges.
- Be given detention after school. He/she will be given prior notice of this.
- Be placed on Daily Report. You will be asked to sign this to show that you are fully aware of you child being on Report.
- Be asked to make repair or meet costs of any wilful damage done.

You will be notified of persistent bad behaviour and may be asked to visit the school. In very serious incidents the Headteacher may suspend your child from school for a limited period or permanently, subject to ratification by the governing body.

The school will encourage good behaviour through the usual teacher-pupil communication and also through the Merit System whereby pupils can earn merit certificates and prizes for positive achievement.

To ensure the success and effectiveness of the school's Conduct Policy your support is a vital ingredient. It would be advantageous for all, not least of course your child himself/herself, if you would encourage your child to develop patterns of responsible and courteous behaviour.

Please remember that you are cordially invited to contact and/or make an appointment to visit the school at any time.