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## School Code of Conduct

### 1. Introduction and Principles

The School fully supports the principles of fair discipline and the consistent and justified application of appropriate disciplinary measures where necessary. The code for pupils indicates the broad standards of behaviour that are expected of all pupils at the School, and encourages a responsible and self-disciplined approach by pupils themselves.

- 1.1 Should expected norms of conduct not be met by any pupil, corrective action will be initiated by School Management. Corrective action may, or may not include the application of formal disciplinary measures; steps applied to prevent further occurrences of unacceptable behaviour, and to restore the School / pupil relationship.
- 1.2 This code is applicable to all pupils and may also have a bearing on the pupil's behaviour outside of normal school hours, should the pupil's conduct impact negatively on the School / pupil relationship, or the reputation and integrity of the School.
- 1.3 The maintenance of discipline and ensuring orderly classroom behaviour is an integral part of every educator's job. The onus therefore lies with the School's educators and its management to apply this code in an effective and equitable manner, in the interest of the wellbeing of the School, preserving and promoting educational excellence, and protecting the rights of all school stakeholders including the pupils.



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## 2. School Code of Conduct

In the School context, administrators, educators, parents and pupils all have responsibilities. To sustain a positive, orderly and disciplined learning environment, it is important that these parties to the education relationship acknowledge their responsibilities.

### 2.1 Educators

Educators at the School subscribe to the SACE Code of Professional Ethics and the School's own Code of Conduct for Staff.

### 2.2 Parents

Parents enrol their children at the School subject to their acceptance of all the School's rules and other conditions of enrolment. Parents also have the responsibility to:

- Actively support the efforts of the School and its educators to teach their children
- Involve themselves to the fullest possible extent in School activities
- Make positive suggestions and contributions to improve the school's education process and the learning environment
- Support the disciplinary structure and procedures of the School, and the reasonable efforts by the School to apply discipline effectively and fairly
- Encourage their children to participate fully in School and extra-mural activities
- Participate in the learning process and assist their children with homework, provide encouragement, check results and communicate freely with the School
- Not expect the School to meet their child's every need
- Ensure that the learner is in attendance of all compulsory attendance functions and activities, and that the School's conduct and timekeeping requirements are observed.



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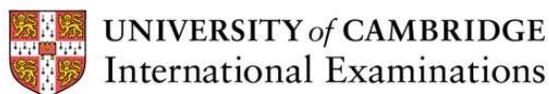
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## 2.2 Pupils

In terms of the Constitution, every pupil does have the right to education. The School does strive to provide the educational opportunities that its pupils and the community deserve. Pupils themselves however must also recognise that they have responsibilities to their parents, the School, their educators, their fellow pupils and themselves. Pupils therefore must accept and comply with the school's rules and its conditions of enrolment. In more general terms, learners must also

- Comply with instructions from School officials, and with the general rules of the School
- Behave responsibly and not endanger the safety, welfare and rights of others
- Respect and care for the property of the School and others
- Maintain sound relations with others at School, be courteous and respect the dignity and self-worth of others
- Be punctual and observe the timekeeping practices of the School
- Demonstrate a positive attitude towards the opportunity to learn, and be diligent in their efforts to learn
- Behave honestly and conduct themselves with integrity
- Not harass, threaten violence or use force to intimidate, abuse, coerce or interfere with others, with School activities or with School property
- Accept legitimate disciplinary measures taken against them as being necessary

The School has a number of rules that define the kinds of behaviour expected of its pupils. Pupils are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with these rules.  
*(See the School's Code of Honour)*



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