



PROMOTING GOOD BEHAVIOUR POLICY

This policy refers to Wellington Senior School

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INTRODUCTION

Wellington School aims to encourage pupils to adopt the highest standards of behaviour, principles and moral standards and to respect the ethos of the School. Promoting the emotional well-being of all of our pupils is key to their development. We aim to teach trust and mutual respect for everyone. We believe that good relations, good manners and a secure learning environment play a crucial part in the development of intellectually curious pupils, who are motivated to become life-long learners. We develop qualities of team-work and leadership through our extensive programme of co-curricular activities.

Wellington School is an inclusive community. We welcome pupils from a wide variety of ethnic and social backgrounds and faiths. We treat everyone as an individual and aim to develop the whole person equipped to take his/her place in the modern world.

At Wellington School: We encourage the establishment of good teacher/pupil relationships and support for the School's values through a system of rewards and sanctions which are designed to promote a calm, disciplined learning environment.

Wellington School's staff will not threaten or use any form of corporal punishment when setting out its sanctions for poor behaviour amongst pupils.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Wellington School's school community of Governors, staff, parents and pupils adhere to an established routine and code of conduct.

The Pupil Code of Conduct is reviewed annually by the School Council.

In 2017, the School Council identified the following as being characteristics of a 'True Wellingtonian', and it is these characteristics that guide the principles of the Pupil Code of Conduct.

Friendly and welcoming; gets involved; respectful; honest; high level of integrity; willing to serve; disciplined; open to new ideas; accepting of all; proud of the school; organised; strong sense of community; striving for the best.

The Pupil Code of Conduct aims to:

- promote good relationships between staff and pupils and a strong sense of community;
- provide a kind, caring and disciplined environment that will encourage boys and girls to develop into morally and socially responsible young people;
- ensure that the development of intellectual, physical, creative and social abilities is conducted in a happy and mutually respectful environment that is beneficial for all;
- promote the School's values and ensure the true character of Wellington School is reflected and supported.

1. Conduct

You are expected to represent the School with distinction at all times and uphold the principles of being a 'True Wellingtonian'. You should show kindness, consideration and courtesy towards all those you come into contact with, during the School day, travelling to and from school, when visiting town or representing the School at any co-curricular activity.

You should show respect for all property, our school buildings and environment, and treat other people's belongings with care.

2. Attendance and Punctuality

You are expected to arrive at school in good time for registration (Day) and be on time for House registration (Boarders). You should be punctual to all lessons. Lower and Upper School pupils must not leave the school premises during the school day including lunch times.

3. Work

You are expected to take part positively and productively in lessons. You should follow rules specific to your class and ensure you bring all equipment needed for the lesson with you.

All pupils have a right to learn free from distraction of others. You should ensure your behaviour does not distract others or disrupt the smooth running of the class. You must look after your books and files. If you enjoyed your lesson, it is customary at Wellington to thank your teacher for the lesson.

4. Appearance

The correct uniform should be worn at all times. A clean and smart appearance is expected.

5. Games and Co-curricular activities

You are expected to conduct yourself in the same fashion as you would in class at all games and co-curricular activities, both in school and when away from school. You should be punctual and supportive of the activity and ensure that your behaviour is not distracting to others or disruptive.

5. Discipline

You are expected to show respect for and adhere to all School Rules, the wider community and our working environment.

6. Personal Safety

You should take personal responsibility for your own safety and for the security of your possessions. You should move around the school safely, not run in corridors and observe the out of bounds areas which are clearly labelled on noticeboards and listed in the School Rules.

Wellington School sees education as a partnership. Our staff are committed to excellence, aiming to achieve a spirit of trust and co-operation. We expect the highest values and standards of behaviour inside and outside the classroom, as well as outside the School and in any written or electronic communication concerning the School.

We expect pupils to treat staff and each other with consideration and good manners and to respond positively to the opportunities and demands of school life. They should follow the School Rules and understand what is expected of them and why sanctions may be imposed for inconsiderate behaviour.

Everyone has a right to feel secure and to be treated with respect at Wellington School, particularly the vulnerable. Harassment and bullying will not be tolerated. Our Anti-Bullying Policy is on our website. The School is strongly committed to promoting equal opportunities for all, regardless of race, religion, culture, sex, gender, sexual preference, special educational needs, disability or learning difficulty, or the fact that a child is adopted or is a carer.

Wellington School takes its duties under the Equality Act 2010 seriously and makes reasonable adjustments for pupils with special educational needs/disabilities. Please see our Learning Support policy and Equality policy on the school website.

We expect pupils to be ready to learn and to participate in school activities. They should attend school and lessons punctually. They should care for the buildings, equipment and furniture. We expect pupils to behave at all times in a manner that reflects the best interests of the whole community.

Wellington School reserves the right to take disciplinary action against pupils who are found to have made malicious accusations, whether against other pupils, staff or other individuals, which might include any of the actions listed below up to and including suspension/ exclusion.

INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Parents and Guardians who accept a place for their child at Wellington School undertake to uphold the School's policies and regulations, including this policy, when they sign the Parent Contract. They will support the School's values in matters such as attendance and punctuality, behaviour, uniform/dress and appearance, standards of academic work, extra-curricular activities and homework/private study.

We are always happy to consider suggestions from parents and hope that you find the School responsive and open-minded. The School's pastoral systems are designed to meet the needs of all pupils. Pupils can raise any concerns they have via formal and informal means, these include:

- Tutor
- Housemaster/housemistress
- Head Girl/Boy, House Captains and senior pupils
- Pupil Mentors
- School committees, such as the School Council, Mentoring Committee, Norman Cup Committee, Boarders' Council, Sixth Form Council

In the event of any behaviour management issue the School will liaise closely with parents and, if relevant, other support agencies.

Unexplained Absences

We will always telephone parents on the first day of an unexplained absence in order to make sure that your child has not suffered an accident. Please note that permission for absence should be sought from the Headmaster. Absence for holidays during term is unlikely to be sanctioned, but individual circumstances will be considered.

INVOLVEMENT OF PUPILS

Our experience shows that the ethos of and respect for the School is enhanced by listening to our pupils and by encouraging constructive suggestions from them, through pupil led committees, such as the School Council and Boarders' Council, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) lessons, House meetings and through pupil led assemblies and Chapel services.

We work closely with all pupils as they transition through the School, from the day they start at the School to the day they leave. Induction plays an important part in helping pupils understand the nature of this School community and the School's expectations of behaviour. Key induction points happen at the following transition points: Year 6 to 7, Year 8 to 9, Year 11 to 12. Any pupil joining the School at a different time will receive induction.

SCHOOL RULES

The School Rules are designed to encourage positive behaviour and self-discipline. The School Rules are set out in Annex A.

Sanctions help us to set boundaries and to manage challenging behaviour. Copies of the School Rules are displayed on notice boards, in pupil planners, available on the School website, in the Parents' Handbook and in the Boarders' Handbook. Parents and Guardians agree, when signing the Parent Contract that their child will comply with the School Rules and undertake to support the authority of the Headmaster in enforcing them in a fair manner that is designed to safeguard the welfare of the community as a whole.

The School reserves the right to search pupils and their possessions without consent if there is justified cause to do so. Knives or weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, stolen items, tobacco and cigarette papers, fireworks and pornographic images can be searched for according to law along with any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to property. A search may also be undertaken for any item banned by School Rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for. This also applies to mobile phones which can be searched for inappropriate material.

The Headmaster or staff authorised by them may search a pupil, provided that the staff member is the same sex as the pupil being searched and there is another staff member as witness. The School may carry out a search of a pupil of the opposite sex to the staff member conducting the search and without a witness present but only where the School "reasonably

believes that there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if you do not conduct the search immediately and where it is practical not to summon another member of staff" ('Searching, Screening and Confiscation: Advice for Headteachers, School Staff and Governing Bodies', DfE February 2014).

The School Rules also reference the School's policy on drugs and drugs testing, further details of which can be found in the Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Misuse Policy. The Headmaster for his part undertakes to apply any sanctions fairly, and, where appropriate, after due investigative action has taken place. Sanctions may undergo reasonable change from time to time but will not involve any form of unlawful or degrading activity. Corporal punishment is illegal and is never used or threatened at our School.

REWARDS AND SANCTIONS

Rewards

Rewards for pupils are given for a positive contribution in an academic, co-curricular or pastoral context. They are designed to celebrate pupil achievement and participation, and to encourage positive engagement in all aspects of school life.

Rewards are categorised as:

- Merit
- Super Merit
- Colours: academic, sport, performing arts and community
- Headmaster's Assemblies: awards presented and/or pupil participation celebrated
- Lower School Chapel: awards presented and/or pupil participation celebrated
- Year Group Assemblies: awards presented and/or pupil participation celebrated
- Prize Giving Assemblies held at the end of the Christmas and Easter Terms
- House Meetings: awards presented and/or pupil participation celebrated
- Tutor time: awards presented and/or pupil participation celebrated
- Commemoration: annual subject and year group academic prizes awarded
- Regular formal reporting to parents (see Assessment and Reporting Policy)
- Written feedback to pupils
- Oral feedback to pupils
- Informal tutor communication with parents (see Tutor Handbook)
- Handwritten post cards from the Headmaster and the Deputy Heads

All formal rewards are recorded as 'individual records of achievement' within iSAMS.

Merits and Super Merits

Any teacher can reward a pupil with a Merit or a Super Merit.

A Merit or Super Merit should be awarded to a pupil for going beyond expectations and contributing positively to an activity; academic, co-curricular or pastoral, individually or as part of a group.

Merits are issued using the iSAMS 'Award Merit' wizard.

Merits and Super Merits are instantly emailed to the pupil, the pupil's parents, tutor, Housemaster/mistress, Head of Section and Deputy Heads.

Assemblies (Headmaster, Year Group, Lower School Chapel, House and Tutor)

Assemblies celebrate pupil achievements. The School's fortnightly Headmaster's Assembly and Lower School Chapel are used extensively for presenting rewards and celebrating achievement. For example, issuing music certificates, Duke of Edinburgh certificates, CCF awards, Maths Challenge Certificates and reading sports reports.

Prize Giving

Formal prize giving takes place at the end of each term.

A whole school prize giving Assembly is held at the end of the Christmas and Easter terms. At the end of the Summer term, as part of the School's Commemoration, academic prizes are awarded in the presence of the whole school and parents.

Colours and Performing Arts Awards

At the end of each term Sports Colours and Performing Arts Awards are presented in assembly to pupils who have contributed consistently and at a high level to School sport, music and drama. (Consistency of standard in making these awards is overseen by the Assistant Head Co-curricular. Senior awards are available to Sixth Form students. Junior awards are available to Year 11 pupils. In the Lower School pupils are also presented with lapel badges to mark notable contributions in areas such as sport and music.

Other recognition

There is recognition for achievement in other areas of school life as well. For example, 'Best Recruit' award in the CCF in Year 10, pupils being chosen as office holders in activities and societies.

Sanctions

When poor behaviour is identified, we have a range of disciplinary measures that can be given for negative behaviour in an academic, co-curricular or pastoral context. They are designed to help flag and correct negative behaviour.

Formal Sanctions are categorised as:

- Demerit
- Serious Demerit
- Academic Detention
- Report Card
- School Detention
- Headmaster's Detention
- School Gating
- Suspension
- Exclusion

All sanctions are recorded in iSAMS.

A separate log of serious sanctions (Headmaster's Detention, School Gating, Suspension and Exclusion) is held by the Deputy Head (Pastoral).

Guidance on issuing sanctions

Subject teachers are responsible for ensuring discipline in class. Heads of Department or Heads of Section can provide higher level management interventions.

The teacher is responsible in the first instance for dealing with minor infringements, such as lateness, casual rudeness or disruption in class, and late or poorly completed work. He/she may issue a Demerit, Serious Demerit or Academic Detention for such poor behaviour. Repetition of this behaviour will be reported to the Head of Department and to the pupil's Tutor, Housemaster/mistress and may lead to a higher level sanction. When formal sanctions are issued, pastoral staff are informed via an automated email through iSAMS.

Demerits and Serious Demerits should only be issued after verbal warnings and reprimands have been given to a pupil first. They should not be used as a **first** response in addressing low level misdemeanours in classroom management. A teacher should use their professional judgement in deciding if a misdemeanour necessitates a formal sanction of a Demerit.

As a general guideline, problems with management of the class as a whole should be referred to the Head of Department. If a problem persists the matter should be reported to the pupil's Tutor, either by the class teacher or by the Head of Department. The teacher may issue an Academic Detention after consultation with the Head of Department.

House staff must always be kept informed – the 'Communicate a Concern' wizard in iSAMS should be used to flag and log concerns.

House staff should be informed whenever a pupil disrupts the learning of others or if a pupil is significantly under-performing. If in doubt, inform House staff (what may be minor problems with a pupil in one class become more of a concern if the same pattern is repeated in a number of subjects.) In very serious discipline breaches the appropriate Senior Management Team member must be informed directly.

All teachers have a responsibility to ensure good behaviour both in and outside the classroom, and use sanctions appropriately.

Demerits and Serious Demerits are designed to flag and correct poor behaviour that in itself is not serious in nature, such as lateness to a lesson, failing to complete a homework, breaches of school uniform rules. Examples of sanctions for breaches of discipline are provided in this policy.

Demerit and Serious Demerit

Any teacher can issue a Demerit or Serious Demerit.

A Demerit and Serious Demerit may be issued to a pupil for negative behaviour in an academic, co-curricular or pastoral context.

Demerits and Serious Demerits are issued using the iSAMS 'Issue Demerit' wizard.

A teacher must tell a pupil they are to be issued with a Demerit or Serious Demerit before it is issued and explain the reason why.

Demerits or Serious Demerits are emailed to the pupil, the pupil's parents, tutor, Housemaster/mistress, Head of Section and Deputy Heads. However, a demerit or Serious Demerit must be authorised by the Deputy Head Pastoral's Office before the email is sent. This is for the following reasons:

1. To give the pupil an opportunity to inform their parents
2. To ensure that the issuing of a Demerit or Serious Demerit is not going to exacerbate a pastoral issue that the teacher may be unaware of but the Deputy Head is aware of
3. To allow the Deputy Head to monitor the nature and consistency of what Demerits and Serious Demerits are being issued for
4. To stop any Demerits or Serious Demerits that have been awarded in error or that do not meet the threshold to be issued.

If the Deputy Head stops a Demerit or Serious Demerit, the Deputy Head will always inform the teacher that the Demerit has been stopped and why.

Three Demerits in a term will lead to a disciplinary review with the Head of Section and, if deemed appropriate by the Head of Section, a School Detention.

Academic Detention

A teacher may issue an academic detention if a pupil repeatedly fails to complete work to the required standard or within deadlines.

The purpose of an Academic detention is to ensure required work is completed and to a good standard.

A teacher must tell a pupil they are to be given an Academic Detention before it issued and explain the reason why.

A teacher should tell the Head of Department before issuing the Academic Detention.

School Detention

A teacher may issue a School Detention for negative behaviour that does not relate to academic work and for transgressions that are more serious than those normally managed by a classroom teacher. Before issuing a School Detention, the teacher must discuss the matter with the Head of Section who will authorise (or otherwise) the Detention.

Parents must be informed if a School Detention is issued.

Three School Detentions in a term will lead to a disciplinary review with the Head of Section and, if deemed appropriate by the Head of Section, a Headmaster's Detention or higher level sanction.

School Gating

A School Gating can be issued by the Deputy Heads for misdemeanours of a serious nature. School Gating requires a pupil to report to the Deputy Heads' Office at break, lunch and after school where they must study. School Gating can be given for 1 to 5 days.

Headmaster's Detention

A Headmaster's Detention is for serious breaches of school rules and behaviour and is issued by either Deputy Head or the Headmaster.

A Headmaster's Detention takes place for two hours on a Saturday morning under supervision of an SMT member.

Parents will be informed in writing.

School and Headmaster's Detentions take precedence over all other school activities.

Suspension

Temporary exclusion from the School for a period of between 1 and 5 days. This process is always managed by one of the Deputy Heads. Further details on temporary exclusions can be found in the School's Exclusions Policy.

Expulsion

Permanent exclusion from the School. Further details can be found in the School's Exclusions Policy.

Other sanctions

House staff (day and boarding) may implement minor sanctions for pupils in their Houses. Examples include house gating or other movement restriction, extra tasks around the School or house, e.g. knaving, litter-picking, etc. However, any sanctions must be proportionate and should show consistency with practices in other Houses. House staff keep a record of all house sanctions and report these to the Deputy Head (Pastoral) and the Headmaster using the fortnightly Pastoral Reports. This allows the Deputy Head (Pastoral) to monitor for consistency.

Informing Pupils of Sanctions

For Demerits, Serious Demerits and Academic Detentions, the issuing teacher should tell pupils clearly which sanction is being imposed, why and when it will take place. The teacher should tell pupils that they should inform their parents.

For sanctions above the level of Academic Detention, the Head of Section or the Deputy Head will tell pupils clearly which sanction is being imposed, why and when it will take place.

The Head of Section or the Deputy Head will tell pupils that they will inform their parents.

The table below details how pupils are informed.

Sanction	Method for informing pupils
Demerit	Teacher informs pupil giving reasons for sanction
Serious Demerit	Teacher informs pupil giving reasons for sanction
Academic Detention	Teacher informs pupil giving reasons for sanction
School Detention	Head of Section informs pupil giving reasons for sanction
Report Card	Head of Section informs pupil giving reasons for sanction
Headmaster's Detention	The Deputy Head will inform pupil giving reasons for sanction
School Gating	The Deputy Head will inform pupil giving reasons for sanction
Suspension	The Deputy Head will inform pupil giving reasons for sanction
Exclusion	The Headmaster will write to parents

Informing parents of sanctions:

Parents are informed of all sanctions. The table below details how parents are informed.

Sanction	Method for informing parents
Demerit	Automatically emailed to parent via iSAMS
Serious Demerit	Automatically emailed to parent via iSAMS
Academic Detention	Automatically emailed to parent via iSAMS
School Detention	Head of Section will inform parent via email or telephone
Report Card	Head of Section will inform parent via email or telephone
Headmaster's Detention	The Deputy Head will write to parents
School Gating	The Deputy Head will write to parents
Suspension	The Deputy Head will write to parents
Exclusion	The Headmaster will write to parents

Recording of sanctions

All sanctions must be recorded. The table below details how sanctions should be recorded.

Sanction	Method for recording
Demerit	Automatically recorded in iSAMS
Serious Demerit	Automatically recorded in iSAMS
Academic Detention	Automatically recorded in iSAMS
School Detention	Automatically recorded in iSAMS
Report Card	Recorded by the Head of Section
Headmaster's Detention	Recorded by the Deputy Head
School Gating	Recorded by the Deputy Head
Suspension	Recorded by the Deputy Head
Exclusion	Recorded by the Deputy Head

Sanctions for breaches of discipline that do not merit exclusion

When sanctions are issued, the pupil's Tutor, Housemaster and Housemistress are automatically informed via an automated email through iSAMS. The Housemaster or Housemistress receives a weekly report of Rewards and Sanctions for all pupils in their House.

Demerits and Serious Demerits should only be issued after verbal warnings and reprimands have been given to a pupil first. They should not be used as a first response in addressing low level misdemeanours in classroom management. A teacher should use their professional judgement in deciding if a misdemeanour necessitates a formal sanction. If a verbal warning has not corrected the behaviour, then formal sanctions should be used.

The sanction used will depend on the seriousness of the offence. Whilst this list of offences is wide-ranging it should not be seen as completely comprehensive. Repeated offences at any level may incur punishment at the next level.

Class work related offences

Offence	Sanction
Failure to hand work in on time or to required standard	Demerit
Repeated failure to hand work in on time or to required standard	Serious demerit or Academic Detention
Lateness to a lesson	Demerit
Persistent lateness to a lesson	Serious demerit or Academic Detention
Disruptive behaviour in a lesson	Demerit
Repeated disruptive behaviour in a lesson	Serious demerit or Academic Detention. Flag with 'Communicate a Concern'.
Persistently poor academic performance	Flag with 'Communicate a Concern'. Inform Head of Department.
Deliberately missing a lesson	Flag with 'Communicate a Concern'. Headmaster's Detention

Low-level Offences

These offences, whilst minor in themselves, will **often** be repeated by **some** pupils and have a significant cumulative effect. It is therefore incumbent on staff members automatically to record all such breaches.

Inappropriate dress	Demerit
Eating in the street	Demerit
Littering	Demerit and litter picking
Chewing gum	Demerit
Misbehaviour on school bus	Demerit

Use of mobile phone outside houserooms	Confiscate and hand in to reception
Obscene language directed towards another pupil	Serious demerit or Academic detention
Persistent lateness to bed	House gating

SERIOUS MISBEHAVIOUR

The School's policy on Exclusions is set out on the School's website, and all parents and pupils should be aware of the more serious sanctions, including suspension and expulsion, that the Headmaster can impose for serious breaches of the School Rules, including but not limited to criminal behaviour. Examples of serious breaches of the School Rules which may result in serious sanctions are set out in the Exclusions Policy.

Serious sanctions may also be imposed where unsatisfactory behaviour has continued despite previous disciplinary sanctions and/ or warnings.

In applying sanctions, especially those with serious consequences, we undertake to take reasonable steps to avoid placing children with a disability at a disadvantage compared to children who are not disabled.

Wellington School has a confidential central register of all sanctions imposed for serious misbehaviour held by the Deputy Head (Pastoral). The entries on this register include the pupil's name and year group, the nature and date of the offence and the sanction imposed.

Physical Restraint

Like all schools, we reserve the right for our staff to use reasonable force to control or restrain a pupil in specific circumstances. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 enables school staff to use "such force as is reasonable in the circumstances to prevent a pupil from doing or continuing to do" any of the following:

- *"Committing any offence (or, for a pupil under the age of criminal responsibility, what would be an offence for an older pupil)"*
- *"Causing personal injury to any person (including the pupil themselves)"*
- *"Causing damage to the property of any person (including the pupil themselves)"*
- *"Prejudicing the maintenance of good order and discipline at the school, and among any pupils receiving education at the school, whether during a teaching session or otherwise"*

The Act also defines to whom the power applies as follows:

- *"Any teacher who works at the school"*
- *"Any other person whom the head teacher has authorised to have control or charge of pupils"*

All of our staff are trained in the circumstances in which reasonable minimum force may be used, both as part of their induction and regular refresher training on managing pupil behaviour. In particular, they are advised always to use their voices first and to use the minimum force necessary to restrain a child for the shortest possible period of time. Their training deals with the factors that must be considered in reaching a judgement as to whether the use of physical restraint is appropriate that are set out in the ATL's Guidance "Restraint," that include:

- *"The seriousness of the incident, assessed by the effect of the injury, damage or disorder that is likely to result if force is not used"*
- *"The chances of achieving the desired result by other means"*
- *"The relative risks associated with physical intervention compared with using other strategies"*

Every member of staff will inform the Headmaster immediately after s/he has needed to restrain a pupil physically. The School also has a confidential register within which the school includes the pupil's name and year group, the nature and date of the offence and the sanction imposed. The School will keep this register on a central file so that any patterns may be identified by the School. We will always inform a parent when it has been necessary to use physical restraint, and invite them to the School, so that we can, if necessary, agree a protocol/regime for managing their child's behaviour.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Wellington School aims to raise the aspirations of all its pupils and to help them to appreciate that there are no barriers to their potential achievements both inside and outside the classroom. Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. We celebrate success, emphasise the positive and deal with the negative in a sensitive and tactful way. Our teaching staff offer every child a high level of individual attention, together with consistent and helpful advice. In return, we expect every pupil to cooperate and to work hard.

COMPLAINTS

We hope that you will not feel the need to complain about the operation of our Promoting Good Behaviour Policy, and that any difficulty can be sensitively and efficiently handled before it reaches that stage. However, the School's Complaints Procedure details how a complaint can be made. This procedure can be found on the School website. We will send copies on request.

Appendix A – The School Rules

The School Rules are divided into Part A and Part B. Part A is an 'at a glance' list of all School Rules. Part A is displayed on house noticeboards and published in pupils' planners.

Part B provides full detail of all rules.

School Rules Part A

Pupils should read and follow the Pupil Code of Conduct

Pupils must arrive at school each day in time for registration

Pupils must attend all lessons.

Pupils must stay within the School bounds during the School day

Pupils may not smoke, possess or use drugs, or possess or drink alcohol

Chewing gum is not allowed

Weapons of any kind are not allowed in school

All school rules apply on school buses and unruly behaviour or inappropriate dress is not allowed on buses

Pupils must follow the classroom code of conduct

Bullying or cyber-bullying is not tolerated and strictly forbidden

Homophobia or discrimination based on sexuality will not be tolerated

Racism will not be tolerated

The taking of photographs or video on personal devices is not allowed of other pupils, teachers or staff at the school, or on the way to or from school

Mobile phones, iPods (or equivalent) or tablets cannot be used around the School grounds. These can only be used under year group guidance in house rooms or the Sixth Form Centre or under the direction of a teacher in class

Pupils must take responsibility for securing personal effects

Pupils must respect other pupils' property and must not borrow another's property without the owner's permission

Pupils must treat all school property with care and respect and must not damage any property deliberately or through carelessness

Pupils are only allowed to consume food in the dining room, house rooms or School Cafe and not in any other area of the School

Pupils should dispose of their litter appropriately

Pupils are not allowed to show public displays of affection, such as, holding hands, hugging, kissing.

Pupils must abide by the 'Pupil IT Acceptable Use Policy'

For those pupils permitted to visit the town, they must abide by the town visit rules that apply to their year group. Year 7 and 8 pupils are not allowed to visit town.

Pupils must abide by the School's Uniform Regulations contained in the Uniform Regulations booklet

Pupils must abide by all school rules when travelling to and from school; or when representing the school in a co-curricular activity; or when on any school trip

Pupils should be aware that School Rules can be applied when pupils are away from school

School Rules Part B

The School Bounds

- Bounds of the School are school grounds, except those areas marked as out of bounds on the School Bounds Map (which is on all House noticeboards) and listed below
- During the School teaching day (08:30 to 15:45), pupils (boarding and day) may not leave the school grounds without permission from a member of staff. Some year groups can visit the town after 15:45, (see 'Town Visits' for the rules on this).
- Public houses, off-licences and betting shops are out of bounds

Some areas on the school grounds are out of bounds to all pupils. Out of bounds areas are clearly marked on all House noticeboards.

Personal Safety

Smoking

- Pupils are forbidden to smoke or to possess tobacco in any form. It is also forbidden to possess matches, cigarette lighters or fireworks. Any pupil found to be contravening this rule can expect a formal sanction.

Alcohol

- Pupils must not bring alcohol into school for any reason.
- The consumption of alcohol at school events is occasionally permitted for Sixth Form pupils over the age of 16. Where this is permitted, pupils must follow the school protocol on alcohol consumption. Pupils are forbidden from bringing alcohol to such events. (Further details are contained in the School's Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Misuse Policy on the school website)

Drugs

The Governing Body and the Headmaster intend that Wellington School will remain an environment that is free from illegal drugs, the paraphernalia of drugs, substances intended to resemble drugs, substances commonly referred to as 'legal highs' and the culture of drugs. To that end, the School has in place a clear School's Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Misuse Policy on the school website.

Any breach of this policy will be treated as a serious disciplinary matter. In particular:

- The supply of illegal drugs or substances intended to resemble them is forbidden and is likely to lead to permanent exclusion
- The use or possession of illegal drugs, solvents, so called 'legal highs', or substances intended to resemble them, or their paraphernalia could lead to permanent exclusion

In appropriate circumstances, and if he feels there is reasonable cause, the Headmaster may offer a supportive drug testing regime as an alternative to permanent exclusion. The Headmaster will inform the Police of the possession, consumption or supply of an illegal drug, since each constitutes a criminal offence.

Fire Regulations

On hearing a fire alarm, pupils must vacate the building in an orderly fashion.

Pupils in lessons should follow the instructions of their teacher.

Muster points for each school building are clearly labelled within the building. Pupils should familiarise themselves with these. Regular fire alarm drills help pupils understand the process for the evacuation of buildings.

It is strictly against school rules for any pupil to tamper with fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and alarms. To do so constitutes criminal damage.

Food and litter

During break and lunchtime, food can only be consumed in the Dining Room or cafe. After school if pupils visit town to buy food this food can only be consumed in house rooms. Eating whilst walking back from town or around the school grounds is not allowed at any time.

Pupils may take a water bottle to lessons. No other drinks may be taken to lessons.

Pupils are expected to take pride in their environment and all litter should be placed in litter bins provided.

Chewing Gum

Chewing gum is not permitted at school or when travelling to or from school on buses.

Bicycles

Pupils may ride a bike to school. Bicycles must be roadworthy and carry operative lights and reflectors. Bicycles must be securely locked on arrival at school and must remain secured until the school day is over. Pupils may not cycle on the school premises. Pupils must not permit other pupils to use their bicycle unless a member of the school staff has given permission and at all times cycle helmets must be worn when travelling to and from school.

Bicycles should be kept in the bike store.

Motor vehicles

Sixth Form day pupils are permitted to drive to and park at school. This includes motor cars, motorcycles or mopeds. To do so, a pupil's parents must seek permission from the Head of Sixth Form. The process for this is:

Pupils should collect a Motor vehicle application form from the Head of Sixth Form. This form must be completed by the pupil's parents and signed by a parent and the pupil. Permission being granted is dependent on strict compliance with specific rules for the use of motor vehicles.

- Pupils must park in the designated pupil parking area only;
- Cars, motorcycles or mopeds can only be used for the purpose of travelling to and from school. Only under exceptional circumstances, and where permission has been granted by the Head of Sixth Form can motor vehicles be used at another time;
- No other pupil can be transported in a pupil's car at any time unless written permission is given by the parents of the pupil who owns the car and the parents of the passenger. This applies to siblings as well as friends;
- No other pupil can drive/ride another pupil's car/motorcycle or moped;
- No other pupil can be transported on a pupil's motorcycle or moped under any circumstances;
- The speed limit on the school grounds is 5 miles per hour and must be strictly observed;

Sixth Form boarders may be allowed to drive to school in order to allow them to travel home at weekends. Permission for this must be sought from the Head of Boarding, and it is at the Head of Boarding's discretion if there is justification for this. If approved, a boarder will only be allowed to use their vehicle for travel between home and school and for no other purpose. The cars keys must be given to the pupil's housemaster immediately upon arrival at school.

Failure to comply with the rules on the use of motor vehicles will result in the loss of the privilege to drive to and park at school.

Offensive weapons

The carrying of an offensive weapon whilst on journey to or from school, at school or on a school activity, visit or journey is not allowed under any circumstances. A pupil discovered to be carrying an offensive weapon will face a serious disciplinary sanction.

Buses

All school rules apply when travelling on a bus to and from school. Any breach of school rules on a bus will be dealt with in the same way as it would during the school day.

Pupils are expected to show the same respect to the bus driver as they would any other member of school staff. Pupils must do as the bus driver asks.

Good behaviour is expected and is of utmost importance. There is no adult supervision on buses, therefore parents are expected to take responsibility for their child's behaviour.

Breaking school rules on a bus, such as unruly behaviour, bullying, foul language, leaving litter, wearing muddy sports kit will not be tolerated.

Pupils must treat the interior of the bus with care and respect. Careless misuse of seats, seat belts, head rests and so forth, or deliberate damage to the bus will not be tolerated and is likely to result in disciplinary action and a bill for repair or replacement.

Pupils must wear correct school uniform or full clean tracksuits (including tracksuit trousers) when travelling on a bus.

No extra passengers (e.g. friends, exchange students) are allowed to travel on a bus without prior arrangement with the Bursar's office.

Seat belts are provided on all buses and must be worn.

Outdoor play areas

The following areas on the school grounds may be used by pupils as play areas during morning break, lunchtime and after the teaching day has ended at 15:45.

- The Quad
- The School Field (in good weather only). During winter months and/or when wet and/or muddy the School Field may not be used.
- The tennis courts adjacent to the school field when not being used for tennis lessons
- The sports hall may be used during lunch when not being used for a scheduled activity

Other outside areas may of course be used by pupils to socialise, but ball games or other vigorous physical play activity is not allowed in such areas eg next to the pond.

Behaviour

Conduct in class

In line with the Pupil Code of Conduct, pupils are expected to take part positively and productively in lessons.

Pupils are expected to:

- Arrive at a lesson punctually
- Be ready to learn and always have the right equipment needed for a lesson
- Wait outside the classroom quietly until invited to enter the room by a teacher (some lessons vary depending on the nature of the room and building eg Art)
- Remove outdoor coats, hats, scarves and/or gloves before entering the room
- Take responsibility for their own learning and that of others when working independently, and cooperatively when working with others
- Ensure that their behaviour never distracts others or disrupts the smooth running of the class
- Give all members of the class respect, therefore pupils should listen and give their full attention when someone else is speaking, pupil or teacher
- Wait to be asked to speak and not shout out answers or questions

- Participate and make positive contributions
- Do what they are asked when they are asked
- Hand in homework on time
- Present their work well and take care of all text books, exercise books and files.

Academic integrity

Pupils are expected to be honest at all times. Copying others' work, plagiarism and cheating in coursework, tests or internal examinations are serious offences that may result in formal warnings or sanctions.

Copying others' work, plagiarism or cheating in a public examination will lead to disqualification. It is a pupil's responsibility to have read the examination notices issued for all public examinations and abide by examination board rules and regulations.

Conduct around the school - behaviour outside the classroom

Pupils are expected to show kindness, consideration and courtesy towards all those they come into contact with, during the School day, travelling to and from school, when visiting town or representing the School at any co-curricular activity. This includes fellow pupils, teachers, coaches, administration staff, kitchen staff, cleaning staff, maintenance staff and all visitors to the school.

The use of foul or offensive language is not permitted and if heard will result in a sanction.

Ball games and physical play should only take place in designated outdoor play areas.

Mobile phones or other portable electronic devices can only be used in house rooms, the Sixth Form Centre or in class under the express instruction and/or permission of a teacher where it is being used for educational purposes.

Bullying and Cyber-bullying

Bullying, harassment, victimisation and discrimination, in person or online, will not be tolerated. We treat all our pupils and their parents fairly and with consideration and we expect them to respect the staff, the School and each other, in return. All forms of bullying are unacceptable at our School and any instances will be recorded and, where appropriate, may result in disciplinary action.

When investigating instances of alleged bullying, the School will place at the centre of its intentions the belief that all pupils have a right to enjoy their time at Wellington in an atmosphere of emotional and physical security, and we, the staff and pupils, will uphold that right. Pupils have the right to talk to any adult at any time about bullying in the knowledge that the resulting staff intervention will be designed to bring any bullying to an end without damaging pupils' peer group relationships. The victim of bullying will always be consulted on how the issue is to be managed and potential outcomes.

Pupils can report any bullying concern via email at stopbullying@wellington-school.or.uk

Further guidance is contained in the School Diary and the Anti-Bullying Policy which is on the School website.

Homophobia

The rights of all members of the school community are recognised by the school. There is no place at Wellington School for discrimination or abuse of another based on sexual orientation, be it Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender. Any transgression of this expectation will be treated as bullying and be dealt with swiftly.

Racism

The School will not tolerate any form of disrespectful behaviour, abuse or discrimination of any pupil based on race. Any transgression of this expectation will be treated as bullying and be dealt with swiftly.

Photography and video

Pupils must not photograph or film other pupils whilst at school or on the way to or from school, during games. On school trips, photographs will be allowed under the guidance and instruction of the trip leader who in guiding pupils will show due regard for School's 'Taking, Storing and Using Images of Children Policy'.

Photographing or filming other pupils may be permitted in certain educational situations but only when a school camera is being used, for example in an Art photography lesson.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones to school. However, there are strict guidelines as to where and when mobile phones can be used by pupils.

- Mobile phones or other portable electronic devices can only be used in house rooms, the Sixth Form Centre or in class under the express instruction and/or permission of a teacher where it is being used for educational purposes;
- Pupils are not allowed to use their mobile phone anywhere else on the school grounds. A pupil found to be doing so may have their phone confiscated. If a phone is confiscated, it will be taken to reception for safe keeping. It will be placed in an envelope and the personal details of the pupil written on the envelope. The pupils may collect their phone prior to leaving school for the day; at 15:50 or 16:50;
- Pupils in the Lower School are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day. They are however allowed to use them in the Lower School House Rooms only between 16:00 and 16:15 to check messages or call home if need be.

Personal Property

Pupils should show respect for all property and treat other people's belongings with care.

Personal Effects

All property and clothing should be clearly marked with the owner's name. Day pupils should use their locker to secure their property during the school day.

All boarders have a lockable drawer or cupboard in their rooms that should be used to secure personal effects.

The School does not accept responsibility for personal valuables brought to school and the following guidelines refer to personal property:

- No one may tamper with property belonging to another pupil;
- Loss of or finding of money or valuables should be reported to the pupil's Housemaster or Housemistress and/or the school reception;
- The borrowing of property or kit is not allowed unless the owner has given express permission. Unauthorised borrowing will be treated as a serious offence and could be viewed as theft;

During holiday periods, all personal belongings must be removed from school premises.

Insurance

Pupils should be aware that personal effects and valuables are not covered by the School's insurance. The School regrets that it cannot take responsibility for pupils' property either on its premises or in connection with any of its activities. You are therefore asked to insure personal property, money, uniform and equipment. The 'Information for Parents' booklet provides greater detail on personal insurance options.

School Property

Pupils must treat all school property with care and respect. Careless misuse of property or equipment or deliberate damage to school property will not be tolerated and is likely to result in disciplinary action and a bill for repair or replacement.

Relationships

Wellington School is a co-educational environment and close integration between boys and girls in all parts of school life is both expected and encouraged. However, where relationships have been formed between pupils, there should be no public displays of affection between pupils when at school. Such behaviour includes, holding hands, hugging, kissing. Sexual relationships between pupils at school are strictly forbidden.

Dining Hall

Wellington School prides itself on the quality of the food served in the dining hall. The kitchen staff work hard to ensure food of a high quality is served in happy atmosphere where pupils and staff can socialise. To this end, certain rules of behaviour are expected in the dining room:

At lunch time

- Pupils should queue in a quiet and well behaved fashion;
- Pupils must not queue before their year groups scheduled lunch sitting;
- Early lunch passes can be issued to those pupils who have a lunchtime activity. Pupils will only be admitted to early lunch with a pass;
- Pupils should avoid taking more food that they will eat;
- Pupils are expected to tidy all cutlery, plates, cups etc on their table at the end of their lunch and take these to the washing counter;

- Pupils must wear school uniform in the dining hall. Coats, scarves, hats and gloves are not allowed in the dining room;
- Pupils must not wear games kit in the dining room unless given permission by the Head of Sport and Wellbeing. In such circumstances, a full, clean school tracksuit must be worn.

At breakfast and supper (boarders only)

The same rules apply apart from dress. Boarders may wear their own clothes or a full, clean school tracksuit at breakfast and supper.

Attendance

Day pupils must arrive at school by 08:30 for registration. Those not present at that time will be marked as late. If a pupil arrives late, they must sign in at Reception on arrival. This is essential so that we know where all pupils are.

Pupils are expected to attend all their lessons. A pupil missing a lesson without permission or a justifiable reason will be deemed to be truanting and will receive a sanction.

Pupils should be punctual for all lessons and move to lessons on the warning bell which is rung five minutes before the end of the morning break and ten minutes before the end of lunchtime break.

If a pupil needs to miss a lesson for a justifiable reason, such as a medical appointment, the pupil's parents must inform the School by telephoning/emailing the absentee line/email address and leave a message stating the reason for absence.

Pupils given permission to leave the school grounds during the day must report to the school receptionist who will check that parental permission has been received. Once this is confirmed, the pupil must sign out, and on return sign in.

Without prior permission, pupils are not allowed to leave the School premises during any school session including lunch times.

Pupils are expected to inform their teacher(s) of all planned absence(s) as a matter of courtesy (including music lessons).

IT: Acceptable use of the school network

When using the School IT network, pupils must follow guidelines laid out in the 'Pupil IT Acceptable Use Policy' which all pupils sign before using the School network.

Dress

Full dress regulations can be found in the uniform booklet.

Town visits

Pupils in the Lower School (Year 7 and 8) are not permitted to visit the town.

Pupils in Year 9 and 10 are allowed to visit town after school, between 16:00 and 17:00 providing they do not have any other school commitment. Year 9 and 10 pupils must obtain permission by getting a signed Town Pass from their Housemaster, Housemistress or Head of Section.

Pupils in Years 11 to 13 are allowed to visit town after school providing they do not have any other school commitment.

Pupils visiting town are only permitted to visit the High Street and no other part of town.

All public houses, off licences and betting shops are out of bounds.

Behaviour away from school

The same standards of behaviour are expected of pupils when away from school as when they are on the school premises. The school may discipline pupils for poor behaviour when outside of the school premises.

Examples of when this is applicable are:

Misbehaviour when the pupil is:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or;
- travelling to or from school or;
- wearing school uniform or;
- in some other way is identifiable as a pupil at the school.

Or misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that;

- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or;
- poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or;
- could adversely affect the reputation of the school;

In all cases of misbehaviour away from school, the school will only discipline a pupil on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil(s) is under lawful control of a staff member.

Social events and parties away from school

Pupils are expected to bear the above points in mind when planning out of school social events or parties.

The Deputy Head (Pastoral) will provide guidance to any pupil(s) or parent(s) who require guidance on hosting out of school social events or parties.

Confiscation of a pupil's property

A pupil's property may be confiscated by a teacher as a punishment as long as it is reasonable in the circumstances.

Searching pupil property

Any pupil who is suspected of having a prohibited item in their possession may have their possessions searched without their consent. Prohibited items include:

- Knives and weapons
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs
- Stolen items
- Tobacco and cigarette papers
- Fireworks
- Pornographic images
- Any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property; and
- Any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for

Weapons, knives and extreme pornography will always be handed to the police.

Searching mobile phones and other electronic devices

Any pupil who is suspected of having inappropriate images or messages on their mobile phone or other electronic device, or has used that device to send inappropriate messages or images or is suspected to have used the device to cyber-bully, may be required to have their phone searched.