

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR POLICY

This policy was formulated by the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School Committee.

Aims:

1. To create an orderly, safe environment.
2. To ensure the smooth operation of the Summer School.
3. To help each child develop a positive self image.
4. To develop a sense of responsibility and co-operation towards others.
5. To respect the property of others and of the Summer School.
6. To minimise the risk of injury within the summer school and its environs.
7. To create a pleasant atmosphere which is geared towards learning.

Behaviour During Class:

1. Pupils will be encouraged to listen attentively in class.
2. Pupils should work to the best of their ability.
3. Pupils should be kind and respectful to all Summer School staff, tutors, volunteers and fellow pupils, by being mannerly, polite and following instructions provided.
4. Pupils should not disrupt the enjoyment of the Summer School for others through inappropriate behaviour.
5. Pupils should keep their classrooms clean and tidy. They should use the appropriate litter bins to dispose of paper, wrappers, bottles, etc.
6. Pupils must respect Summer School property and the property of the facilities provided and of other pupils.
7. Running or rowdy play is not allowed.

Behaviour at Break:

1. Pupils are supervised during break times. If there is a problem, the pupils should report it immediately to staff/volunteers .
2. The pupils must remain within the summer school boundaries.
3. Rough and dangerous play and bad language are not allowed.
4. Pupils must keep the outdoor areas free of litter.

Mobile Phones/Devices Policy:

The Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School allows students access to mobile-phones/devices for recording music and for emergency communication.

The Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged mobile devices. The safety and security of mobile devices is wholly a matter for pupils/parents. The Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School accepts no responsibility for pupils who lose or have their mobile devices stolen while travelling to and from the Summer School.

It is strongly advised that pupils use passwords/pin numbers to ensure that unauthorised phone calls cannot be made on their phones (e.g. by other pupils or if stolen). Pupils must keep their password/pin numbers confidential. Mobile phone and/or passwords should not be shared.

Pupils must receive permission before taking photographs of other pupils and before uploading photographs to any form of social media.

In the context of this policy, placing a once-off offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as unacceptable behaviour.

Pupils who use mobile phones/devices to send offensive messages/calls to other pupils will face serious consequences.

It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone/device to menace, harass or offend another person. As such, if action as sanctioned by the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School in this regard is deemed ineffective, as with all such incidents, the summer school may consider if appropriate to involve the Gardaí.

Disapproval of Unacceptable Behaviour

Strategies to show disapproval of unacceptable behaviour may include:

1. Reasoning with pupil.
2. Verbal reprimand.
3. Contacting parents.
4. With regards to inappropriate use of mobile phones/devices :
 - Confiscating the mobile phone/device for the remainder of the day to be collected by parent(s)/guardian(s).
 - Banning the mobile phone/device for the remainder of the Summer School .
5. Meeting with parents/guardians, Chairperson of the Committee and/or committee members.
6. Suspension
7. Expulsion from the Summer Summer

The committee members shall keep a written record of all instances of serious misbehaviour in the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School Incident Book.

This policy is available to Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School tutors, volunteers and to parents and pupils on request and will be available on the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School website.

This policy has been revised and ratified by the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School Committee on 27th May 2017.

Chairperson of the Committee: Fergal Smyth
(On behalf of the Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School)

Signed: 

(Chairperson of Seosamh Mac Gabhann Summer School)