

NEWPORT GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST



SCHOOL TRIPS STUDENT BEHAVIOUR POLICY

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It is the responsibility of all students taking part in school trips to contribute to the success and enjoyment of the trip by following these rules so that nothing is done which mars the occasion for other students, accompanying staff or members of the general public.

Prior to any trip it will be normal practice for students to receive instructions as to standards of behaviour from the trip leader. Students should pay careful attention to such instructions, and it is assumed that participation in the trip implies that each student has accepted the regulations as a condition of her place in the party.

Students should be aware that members of staff are acting 'in loco parentis' during school trips and that their responsibilities may extend beyond those which are usual in the school context. In such circumstances, staff are bound to act according to their own best judgement, in the interests of the individual and of the party as a whole.

In addition to those below, any further rules set down by staff (or other responsible adults) for the purposes of a particular trip must be strictly adhered to.

- a) Students should obey all rules made to ensure their safety and that of the rest of the party. They should:
 - do nothing on transport which could cause an accident – in particular, they should do nothing which might distract the driver of a coach, minibus or car;
 - in other situations, do nothing which would endanger the safety and wellbeing of members of the party or the general public;
 - observe all safety rules as instructed for example, the wearing of a seat belt or protective clothing;
 - observe all instruction relating to areas placed out of bounds for their safety;
 - abide by any curfew times which may be imposed for their safety;
 - never leave the party without the knowledge and permission of a member of staff and then, preferably, only in the company of at least one other member of the party.

- b) When school parties involve large groups of people, it is especially important that courtesy and consideration should be shown at all times to members of the general public, and, in particular, that excessive noise or rowdy behaviour should be avoided. Any behaviour which constitutes a nuisance to other people reflects badly on individuals and on the School.

- c) At all times, whether as part of a large or small group, the behaviour and language of students should be above reproach. For example, students should conduct themselves in an appropriate and responsible manner
 - on transport, whether public (plane, ferry, etc.) or private (coach, minibus etc.);
 - in all public places, whether accompanied by staff or not;
 - in hotels, guest houses, hostels and 'host' homes;
 - as spectators (for example, at sports fixtures) or as an audience (for example, at public performances).

- d) The School seeks, as part of its PSHE programme, to influence students against substance misuse. When students are away from School on school trips, therefore, they are still required to conform to the rules and standards laid down by staff on these matters as they would were they on school premises. Therefore, students should not partake in any risky behaviour including the use of tobacco / vaping, alcohol, illegal substances or sexualised behaviours. If a student is found to be in breach of the School's expectations while on an educational visit, she may be required to be collected from the visit and returned home. In such cases, parents may be asked to meet any costs incurred.

- e) When abroad, students should be especially sensitive to the different practices, expectations and attitudes of other countries and cultures and avoid causing offence by their behaviour, however unintentionally, or by their language.

On school trips, students are expected to accept responsibility for their own belongings including, where appropriate, their luggage. They should not bring with them valuable property or large sums of cash. (If they do so, the School will accept no liability.)

It is especially important that, when taking part in activities which have some inherent danger (for example, on skiing, field trip or Duke of Edinburgh Award trips), all safety rules and instructions are followed implicitly.

Students on trips should dress in correct school uniform if so instructed. Where school uniform is not required, the manner of dress should be appropriate to the activity or occasion.

Use of mobile phones will be determined by the trip leader.

Students should at all times adhere to the programme laid down by members of staff and be punctual in observing any time schedule which may be given, unless they have specific permission to do otherwise. They should always ensure that parents/carers are aware of the times at which they are to be delivered to the departure point and collected at the end of the trip.

Students should show a proper respect for all property, public and private. They should avoid leaving areas in disorder or creating litter. Any damage caused by a student must be reported at once to a member of staff.

Students who have a medical condition, require medication or have medical restrictions on their activities should ensure that staff are made aware of their particular circumstances prior to the departure of the party.

Any infringement of the Rules above may result, in the first instance, in immediate sanctions at the discretion of the member of staff with primary responsibility for the trip and further action, upon return, by the Headteacher, dependent on the nature and seriousness of the offence.

I can confirm that I have read the school trips behaviour policy and I agree to the following expectations of behaviour whilst on this school trip.

Name of student: _____

Form Group: _____

Signed: _____ **(student)**

Parent / Carers Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date _____