

At Stonar, a Code of Conduct provides all pupils with a framework within which they can develop both academically and personally, whilst at the same time being recognised, valued and celebrated as individuals. The Stonar Code of Conduct symbolises our ethos of ‘being kind’ and is characterised by three ‘core values’, namely respect, resilience and integrity.

In today’s world, personal development is as important as academic achievement, which is why we want pupils to understand these values and apply them to their daily lives.

More specific guidance is provided in the document ‘Senior School Expectations, an A-Z Guide’ which brings together information from the relevant school policies.

## **Respect** - This means:

- We listen to and respect the ideas and opinions of others, even when we disagree with them
- We communicate honestly, positively and effectively with all members of the community
- We treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves regardless of age, race, gender, sexuality, disability, culture or belief and accept that everyone has the right to be treated as an individual
- We do not allow individual selfishness or thoughtlessness to get in the way of the achievements of others or the day to day life of the school
- We care for and respect the fabric of the school, the property of others and the environment as a whole
- We respect ourselves and aim to live in a way that is healthy and to take on challenges that help us to grow. We take care of ourselves and our property

## **Resilience** - This means:

- We understand that sometimes we may have to struggle and we may not always succeed
- We learn from our mistakes, we persevere and seize the opportunity to improve
- We remind ourselves of our strengths and value and use times when we have bounced back as a strong reminder that we can do it again
- We accept life will not always be easy but seek support from others because we understand we cannot always do it alone
- We want to succeed rather than fail, through adopting a positive mind-set and finding solutions rather than obstacles when confronted with new situations or challenges. As such, “I can’t do it” translates into “I can’t do it yet”

## **Integrity** - This means:

- We are committed to high standards of behaviour and stick to them even in difficult situations, taking personal responsibility for our own decisions, actions and behaviour
- We are honest and choose words and actions that are kind, sincere and not misleading
- We take pride in our work, try to achieve at our highest level and are open and honest in our work practices – we don’t cheat or plagiarise the work of others
- We celebrate our own and others’ achievements and encourage, rather than criticise
- We deliver on actions promised and keep to our undertakings – we do as we say we will do

## **Commitment to adhere to the school code of conduct:**

I have read this code of conduct and received a copy of the ‘Senior School Expectations, an A-Z Guide’. I agree to adhere to this code. I understand that if my behaviour falls short of the school’s expectations I can expect to be sanctioned for my poor behaviour choices.

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date:.....

# Senior School Expectations - an A-Z Guide



**Academic Progress** is central to life at Stonar. It is therefore vital that pupils attend all timetabled and extracurricular lessons and activities punctually, bringing all necessary materials and completing all tasks to the best of their ability. Pupils should always be looking to raise the level of their performance and understanding by seeking to do more than the minimum to 'get by'. Their behaviour must not disrupt the learning of others.

**Alcohol** is only permitted at certain supervised school events or occasions as deemed appropriate by the Head. The possession or consumption of alcohol at all other times is not permitted. Further details can be found in the Drugs Policy available on request by email or post.

**Absence from lessons** must be authorised by tutors or houseparents, or a senior member of staff if the pupil is not recorded as out of school.

'**Banter**' can become an excuse for inappropriate behaviour that is neither respectful or indicative of high standards of personal integrity; to this effect 'banter' and associated behaviours have no place at Stonar.

**Birthdays & Celebrations** - Midweek offsite celebrations are not permitted for boarders unless out with their own parents. These rules also apply to day pupils who are inviting boarders. If pupils are returning to school after a celebration, parents are expected to be present throughout an event, pupils must not return to boarding houses under the influence of alcohol.

**Boarding houses** (apart from York common room for sixth formers at lunchtime) are out of bounds during the school day. Day pupils may not enter the boarding houses without the express permission of houseparents.

**Belongings** used in school must be stored in lockers which are closed and locked, making sure that valuable items are secured.

**Businesses or trading:** The school does not knowingly permit pupils trading in an unsupervised manner on site. Pupils are prohibited from running a business from school without the involvement of a teacher, e.g. young enterprise. This includes pupils having parcels delivered to the site of which all or part of the contents are sold on.

**Bullying** is seen as an offence, please see the school Counter Bullying Policy which is available on request by email or post.

**Cars** are allowed at school for sixth formers who have obtained permission from the Head of Sixth Form. Pupils are permitted to travel in other pupils cars only when the Head of Sixth Form has received permission of both sets of parents in writing. Further information can be found in the Car Policy for Sixth Form Students.

**Chewing Gum** is not permitted at Stonar.

**Co-Curricular & Sporting Activities** are an integral part of school life. Pupils are expected to abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the 'game', accept both victory and defeat graciously and make every effort, consistent with fair play and the laws of the game, to help their own team win.

**Cycling & Scooting** (non-motorised) and Skateboarding are permitted around the school site. Bicycles must not be abandoned in the middle of paths or roads, but the correct racks located around the school should be used. Bicycles left abandoned are likely to be confiscated. Further information can be found in the School Bicycle Policy.

**Dining Hall** - food must not be taken away from the dining room. Normal school uniform must be worn for breakfast and lunch from Monday to Friday. At supper pupils may wear appropriate mufti.

**Dress (and Hair)** - During the school day pupils in Years 7–11 must wear school uniform which is clean and of the correct size. Sixth Form students are role models for the rest of the school and are expected to maintain a high standard of appearance. During the school day and when representing the school sixth formers should be dressed in a style appropriate to a formal working environment. For further details please see the Dress Code posters displayed around school and in all boarding houses.

**Drugs (illegal, or so called 'legal highs' or CBD products)** are not allowed (see Drugs Policy) '**Prescription and over the counter medication**' including **homeopathic remedies** must be handed in to houseparents or the school nurse, unless pupils have been given express permission by the school nurse to self-medicate.

**Environment** - When around the school please bear these things in mind to help your peers and the environment.

- Switch off lights in rooms when you leave them so that they are not left on all day
- Switch off electrical items when not in use
- Avoid leaving windows open and radiators on at the same time - if you can adjust the thermostat, then do so
- Leave bathrooms and toilets clean and tidy
- Take care to avoid damaging school property. In the event of damage inform a member of staff

**Equestrian Centre** – The ‘Yard’ has its own set of regulations which must be adhered to by pupils on the yard at all times. Sixth Form riders may register in the Equestrian Centre by arrangement on mornings when they have a riding lesson during registration.

**Extremism** in any form is not tolerated. Pupils are actively encouraged to challenge extremist views and in turn promote the school’s ethos and values alongside the Shared British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

**False Identification** is illegal; pupils must not be in possession of any such documents or cards.

**Fighting** Inappropriate contact or fraternisation is not permitted.

**Food** Pupils are not permitted to bring in food from home. Food provided by the school may only be consumed in the dining hall, Cafe Curnow and the Home Ec room and then only with the permission of the class teacher

**Football and ball games** should be played in designated areas.

**Gambling** is not allowed. Pupils are forbidden to take or place bets (including telephone or internet gambling).

**Internet** - Pupils must follow the acceptable ICT user policy when accessing the internet. Pupils must also follow the guidance in the anti-bullying policy on cyber bullying. For further details see the ICT Policy available on request by email or post.

**Language** should always be appropriate. English is to be spoken in all communal areas in the company of other students and staff. Pupils may speak in other native tongues when in small groups and all pupils present are conversant in that language. Swearing and blasphemy are not tolerated at Stonar.

**Litter** is unsightly and potentially dangerous. Please be considerate and put all your litter and rubbish into a bin.

**Mobile phones including portable electronic devices (e.g. iPods)** may not be used during the school day. Tablets can be used when express permission to do so has been given by a member of staff during lesson time. After school pupils may use mobile phones and other portable electronic devices in a manner in accordance with the code of conduct, and at no times in the dining room. For further details please see the ICT acceptable use Policy available on request by email or post.

**Music Department rehearsal rooms and the Sixth Form art studio** may be used by arrangement with the music or art departments (during the school day) or houseparent (after hours and at weekends).

**Offsite** - Pupils in Years 7-11 inclusive are only permitted offsite during the school day if accompanied by a member of staff, parent or guardian. Sixth Form students may go into Atworth, Wadswick or Melksham at lunchtimes, provided they are in groups of two or more and return in time for afternoon registration. Offsite rules for boarders are displayed on house notice boards. Requests to leave the site, for example for medical appointments or university visits should be accompanied by communication from a parent or guardian. All pupils must sign in and out at reception if off site during the school day. Permission is also required for boarders who wish to go offsite at weekends or evenings. Pupils in the Sixth Form are often keen to take on paid employment. For day pupils we recommend that employment takes place between Friday and Sunday evenings and is for a maximum of one day so that academic work is not affected. Boarders are also permitted to find paid employment on the same time scale; following written agreement between Head of Sixth Form and parents/guardian. Boarders must return to their boarding house before it is locked in the evening and must travel to and from their place of work by public transport, scooter/moped or car. Due to the nature of the lanes around Stonar it is not appropriate for pupils to travel by bicycle. Pupils will only be permitted to work if their academic studies remain unaffected. In the event of very poor weather conditions boarders will not be permitted to travel offsite.

**Out of bounds** areas round the school site are identified on posters around school and in all boarding houses. These areas are out of bounds to pupils for their own safety. The areas marked in red are totally out of bounds to Stonar

pupils and areas marked in green are out of bounds unless accompanied by a member of staff. Pupils are only permitted to go outside the school boundaries in accordance with the publicised offsite permissions.

**Offensive weapons** - pupils are not allowed to bring such weapons (imitation or otherwise) or similar dangerous articles to school or to keep them in boarding houses. Use of any item to threaten or cause harm is a serious offence. For further details please see the behaviour and discipline policy available on the school website.

**Pornography**, in any form, is not permitted.

**Possessions** left lying around are taken to lost property in the Senior Deputy Head's office.

**Physical intimacy** - Acts of physical intimacy of a sexual nature have no place at school and appropriate action will be taken, which may involve serious sanctions.

**Private study lessons** - Pupils in Years 7–11 must spend private study lessons working in the Learning Resource Centre unless they are working under the direct supervision a member of staff, for example in the art department. Sixth Formers may work as directed above or in the Sixth Form Centre.

**Relationships** – Positive and supportive relationships lie at the heart of life at Stonar and every member of our School community has a responsibility to ensure that their dealings with others are amicable and appropriate. This means that they should be considerate of others, respect their rights and opinions and maintain a high standard of conduct at all times. Public displays of overt affection or intimacy, particularly those which might make members of the community feel uncomfortable, are unacceptable.

**Sixth Form Centre** is open to Sixth Form pupils only. It is open throughout the day and in the evenings to boarders in accordance with the 'Sixth Form Centre opening hours posters' displayed in boarding houses. Pupils are expected to keep it tidy and not use it as a dumping ground.

**Smoking** and the possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes or any vaping paraphernalia by students in the care of the school are not permitted, and this includes traveling to and from school.

**Taxis** and transport must be booked through the Travel Secretary or houseparent.

**Text books and library books** should be returned in good condition. Any books not returned will be charged for.

**Training off site** - Riders and runners journeying off site must adhere to set routes unless supervised, running the road from the end of the school drive to Atworth is not permitted. Pupils (*below 6<sup>th</sup> Form*) are not permitted to ride or run alone. Pupils running at dusk must wear Hi-Vis clothing

**Water bottles** – All pupils are encouraged to remain hydrated, however, water bottles must not be used in lessons without the express permission of staff. They may only contain water, and not other drinks are allowed in classrooms

*Further information for specifically about expectations for boarders can be found in the Boarding Handbook, and on house noticeboards.*