

Stonar Short Courses Behaviour and Discipline Policy

This version of the Behaviour and Discipline Policy has been adapted for Short Course staff and students and based on Stonar School's Behaviour and Discipline and Code of Conduct for Pupils Policies. A number of separate school policies (detailed below) outline our precise expectations in related areas and these should be read in conjunction with this policy and can be obtained on request:

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
Drugs Policy
ICT Acceptable Use Policy
Search Policy
Code of Conduct for Pupils
Whistleblowing Policy
Safer Recruitment

Introduction

At Stonar Short Courses (SSC) we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all members of the community. Our aim is to help each student improve, whether it be their riding skills, confidence, creativity or sports skills.

We expect good behaviour to be the norm as well as have regard for public safety and adherence to the law. Children should be sensitive to the needs of others within the courses as well as people from the wider community.

Respect and tolerance, self-improvement, responsibility and social commitment are the values that form the foundations of our Short Course programmes. We encourage children to understand these values and continue to live them out in their daily lives once they return home. Our values are shared, reinforced and communicated to students for the duration of their time here.

During their stay, children are required:

- To treat all others with respect and courtesy
- To take due care of all buildings and property
- To fulfil all commitments punctually and in a positive manner

The following are forbidden at all times and will result in instant removal from the course:

- Bullying
- Sexual harassment
- Explicit sexual relations

The following may not be used or possessed and will result in instant removal from the camp:

- Tobacco in any form; electric cigarettes, matches and cigarette lighters; joss sticks; e-shisha pens
- Alcoholic drinks.
- Any illegal substances
- Any offensive weapon

The Director of Short Courses permission is required should a child wish to:

- Leave Stonar for any reason

- Be off-site at any time

General Bounds

- Children are confined to their boarding house overnight after evening activities until breakfast each day
- During camps and activities, children are restricted to the Stonar site unless as part of an activity or within guidelines in the **Free Time Policy**
- Adhere to the **Free Time Policy** and out of bounds areas as set out on the map displayed in the boarding house and posters around the school
- Other children's bedrooms are out of bounds at all times unless invited by the occupant. Children of opposite sexes must not enter each other's bedrooms.

Devices/ICT

- Personal music and mobile devices (including with headphones) may only be used in bedrooms or sitting rooms and when travelling. They may not be used when walking about the School site, during classes or whilst on an activity/excursion unless by authorisation from Houseparent on duty.
- Mobile phones must not be used during lessons or activities and will be collected each evening by the house parent before bedtime.
- IT facilities, whether School-owned or private, must be used in accordance with the **ICT Acceptable Use Policy**, which relates to items of equipment and their use.
- Inappropriate images or material may be neither stored nor viewed on a desktop, laptop or other device.
- Private televisions, including mini televisions, are not permitted.

Dress Code

- The Dress Code for Stonar Short Courses is informal. Correct attire for Riding Camps must be worn. Please refer to the Residential Riding Terms and Conditions 2023 document.

Road Safety

Although the School is based in beautiful countryside and away from any main roads, the following road safety guidelines must be observed at all times.

- Give the road your full attention when walking around site or crossing a road, even if you are with a group of friends
- Don't use your mobile to talk or text while you are crossing or waiting
- Listening to music is distracting while crossing the road – headphones may not be worn when walking about the School site or whilst out on an activity/excursion
- Don't take chances when you cross the road. Always use a pedestrian crossing where possible

Representing Stonar Short Courses on Excursions

Representing Stonar Short Courses is a privilege which involves certain responsibilities and when off-site every child is expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour in all areas of the school life and act with a high standard of personal integrity. Students must abide by the School's **Code of Conduct for Pupils** and demonstrate appropriate respectful behaviour to staff, peers, and the wider public at all times.

Praise and Discipline

As well as making the riding lessons and activities fun to motivate children we believe that recognising and rewarding achievements, endeavour and positive behaviour is more effective than sanctions and is central to our values.

Praise is awarded by staff to children for achievement, effort or demonstration of improvement shown in work and behaviour or for their contributions to riding lessons and activities.

Staff will report positive contributions and achievement, as well as incidences of poor behaviour to the Director of Short Courses who will create clear procedures for staff, which are transparent, understandable and fair on how to respond consistently to childrens' positive behaviours or misbehaviours.

The actions below can be utilised for all children and the expectation is that all pupils will be accountable for their own actions. Students should conduct themselves properly and adhere to the School **Code of Conduct for Pupils**. Incidences of poor behaviour in a riding lesson, activity, mealtimes or within the boarding house may result in verbal reprimands, removal from the yard or riding lesson and being returned to the boarding house.

Examples of poor behaviour include abusive, aggressive, violent or threatening (both verbally and physically) behaviour or in the reasonable opinion of SSC, the children's behaviour is putting the wellbeing of the other children, staff, horses or himself/herself at risk.

Persistent displays of bad behaviour will be dealt with by the Director of Short Courses under accordance to the Code of Conduct section in our Terms and Conditions.

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