

# The Perse School

## Upper School Rules 2023-24

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### 1) Scope

The Head's authority is exercised by the application of the School's Rules to all pupils at the School and at all times when a pupil is:

- in or at School;
- representing the School or wearing School uniform;
- travelling to or from School;
- on School-organised trips;
- associated with the School at any time.

This policy shall also apply to pupils at all times and places in circumstances where failing to apply this policy may:

- affect the health, safety or well-being of a member of the School community or a member of the public;
- have repercussions for the orderly running of the School; or
- bring the School into disrepute.

Staff and prefects exercise the Head's authority over pupils when carrying out their duties.

The Governors and the Head intend that the School Rules and the sanctions provided in them shall also, in appropriate circumstances, be capable of regulating the conduct of pupils when they are away from school premises, for example at weekends, half term and in the holidays, if in the opinion of the School the conduct concerned impacts or may impact upon the pupil's conduct at school, the reputation of the School or where the conduct in question affects or may affect the welfare of a member or members of the School community.

### 2) Behaviour

Members of the School are expected to be honest and to show good sense and good judgment at all times, by adhering to the School's values and following the **Code of Conduct** or any **Code of Conduct and Behaviour for an educational visit or trip** (if this applies), which set out the Fundamental Principles of the School's *policy on behaviour and discipline*. The Code of Conduct is found in all classrooms and the School Planner. All should be aware of the School's *anti-drugs and substances policy, policy on alcohol, anti-bullying policy (pupils)* and *acceptable use of ICT policy for pupils*. Departmental rules and safety procedures must be observed.

### 3) Obligations on Pupils

There are various obligations that all members of the School are expected to fulfill.

#### **Attendance**

- All pupils are expected to attend all timetabled lessons and activities (including games) unless ill or injured and with a note from a parent/guardian or the School Nurse, or for reasons notified and agreed by the appropriate member of staff in advance.

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- A pupil in a School sports squad is expected to be available to play for a School team when selected and to take reasonable steps to ensure that any problem is communicated directly (i.e. face-to-face) and well in advance to the teacher in charge of that team.
- Pupils involved in ensembles, plays and other similar groups are expected to attend notified rehearsals and meetings; they should take reasonable steps to ensure that any problem is communicated directly (i.e. face-to-face) and well in advance to the teacher in charge.
- Pupils may not leave the site during the school day unless they have permission from a member of staff. One exception exists: Sixth Form pupils must attend registration, assemblies, tutorials and all timetabled lessons including games and enrichment. They are free to leave school during private study (free) periods and break times.
- Any pupil leaving the school site during the school day must register, using the biometric registration box on the side of the Medical Centre (or alternative method of registration if appropriate) both on departure and on their return (see below).
- The School cannot be held responsible for any pupil who has left the site for private rather than School purposes. In these circumstances pupils leave the site at their own risk. This is made clear to pupils and parents on an annual basis.

#### Registration

- Compulsory registration takes place:

		Morning Registration	Afternoon Registration
Sixth Form	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	On arrival at school using a biometric registration box (or an alternative method if appropriate)	N/A
	Tuesday and Friday	Morning Tutor Period	N/A
Year 7 - 11	All days	Morning Tutor Period	During lessons at 2pm

- Pupils should be in their Form Room for morning registration by 8.35 a.m. at the latest.
- If a pupil misses Form Registration for any reason it is their responsibility to use a biometric registration box (or alternative method if appropriate) as soon as they arrive at School.
- Pupils leaving or re-entering the site after morning registration and before the beginning of last lesson must register using a biometric registration box (or alternative method if appropriate) on departure or arrival.

#### Assemblies and form times

- All members of the School are expected to attend assemblies and form time activities unless required for an approved activity or to see their tutor.
- Parents who wish their child to be excused assemblies that mark Christian festivals (usually Christmas and Easter) must write to the Deputy Head (pupil development and welfare).

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### Sanctions

- Pupils given sanctions by members of staff for breaches of the Code of Conduct are expected to complete or serve that sanction at or by the time notified, unless permission for a deferral has been obtained in advance from the Deputy Head (pupil development and welfare).

### Alcohol & Smoking

The School has a separate *policy on alcohol*.

Pupils are forbidden, regardless of age from:

- Bringing alcohol or smoking materials (including e-cigarettes/ vapers, herbal cigarettes or other items used in a similar manner) onto School premises<sup>1</sup> or being in unsupervised possession of alcohol or smoking materials while on School premises or in the care of the School.
- Consuming alcohol<sup>2</sup> or smoking during the School day or when in the care of the School, whether on or off School premises.
- Obtaining alcohol or smoking materials for or supplying alcohol or smoking materials to another pupil during the School day or when in the care of the School.
- Being impaired by alcohol while on School premises or in the care of the School.
- Bringing the School into disrepute for any reason associated with alcohol, whether or not they are in the care of the School at the time. Action may be taken when the welfare of any member of the school community or the reputation of the School may be affected.

### Property

- Pupils are forbidden to buy and sell items amongst themselves.
- All garments and articles of personal property must be clearly named in regulation fashion.
- Valuable items and large sums of money should not normally be brought to School. If it is essential that such items are brought they should be handed to Reception for safe-keeping. Lockers must be used for belongings when not in use.
- Mobile phones must be switched off during the school day (8:35 am – 4pm). The only exceptions to this is for Years 7-11, they may only be used supervised in the PAC Café or Library. Sixth Form may also use them in the Sixth Form areas. Mobile phones may only be used to contact parents/carers or retrieve school information and must not be used to photograph or video other students. See the School's *acceptable use of ICT policy for pupils* for full details.

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<sup>1</sup> There is an exception to this rule when alcohol is being brought into School as a gift for a member of staff, or as a contribution to a Parents' Association Event.

<sup>2</sup> There is an exception to this rule for members of the Sixth Form (who are over 18) are permitted to consume alcohol in moderation at the leavers' event or other events where permission has been specifically granted.

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### Prohibited and Banned Items

- Pupils may not bring to school or possess whilst in the care of the School the following Prohibited Items (as specified in paragraph 3.1 of the School's policy on Searching and the Retention and Disposal of Confiscated Items):
  - Knives or weapons
  - Alcohol
  - Illegal drugs
  - Stolen items
  - Tobacco and cigarette papers
  - Fireworks
  - Pornographic images
  - Any article that a member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence or cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil).
- In addition to the above Prohibited Items, pupils may not bring to school or possess whilst in the care of the School the following items:
  - chemicals;
  - aerosol sprays (excluding deodorant);
  - bottles of correcting fluid;
  - laser pens;
  - matches or lighters;
  - toy/replica weapons;
  - e-cigarettes;
  - extra hot chillies; or
  - any other item the possession or use of which is forbidden by law or any other item notified to pupils by The School.
- Pupils may not bring to School or use in School training supplements (e.g. creatine, protein powder).
- Pupils must not possess or use any controlled drug/medicine without authorisation from the School nurse.
- Pupils may not bring to School or be under the influence at School of any substance intended to alter their mental state or performance, including chemical substances of any kind, laughing gas, caffeine tablets / drinks.
- Prohibited and Banned items may be searched for without pupil consent in accordance with the School's *policy on searching and the retention and disposal of confiscated items*.

### Uniform and Appearance

- Pupils must conform to the Uniform Regulations/Dress Code currently in force and should be smartly dressed.
- The decision of the Head, Deputy Head(s) or Heads of Section in matters of dress and appearance is final.

### Safety

- Pupils must not let any visitors on to the school site and must report any adult on site without a school lanyard. All visitors must report to reception on arrival.

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- Pupils should ensure that their behaviour does nothing to harm or endanger themselves or other members of the School, staff or public, or do damage to property.
- Pupils must acquaint themselves with the Fire Drill and Lockdown regulations which are posted in all classrooms.
- Pupils are not allowed to throw snowballs or water balloons on the school site as these can cause eye injuries.
- Pupils must not be on site before 7.45am or after 5:45pm on weekdays, or at weekends unless involved in a supervised school activity.
- Pupils are expected to behave in an open and transparent manner and remain in supervised areas. They must not avoid supervision or enter areas which are out of bounds.

#### **Transport**

- Pupils cycling to or from School must ensure that their bicycles are roadworthy, wear a cycle helmet and must not use earphones of any description whilst cycling. High visibility clothing must be worn at all times, and cycles must have working front and rear lights.
- The same safety equipment is required for use of scooters, power skateboards or other methods of wheeled transport. Pupils must ensure they use these safely and in accordance with the law.
- Bicycles must be locked and should only be left in racks or bike sheds provided and not overnight, at weekends or during the holidays.
- Hire bikes or scooters (or items from similar schemes) should not be brought onto the school site.
- Sixth Formers may use their own motor transport for journeys to and from School only with permission of the Head of Sixth Form. The School's Driving Regulations should be obeyed at all times, and Sixth Formers must not bring cars onto the School site for any reason without the permission of the Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form.
- Pupils are expected to cycle / drive in a safe and considerate manner and adhere to the Highway Code, Road Traffic Regulations, city and other local rules.
- Pupils must not be dropped off on Hills Road or Long Road.
- Pupils must wear seat belts on minibus and coach journeys.

#### **4) Absence from School**

- Requests in advance for absence for routine dental or medical treatment should be addressed to the tutor responsible for registration.
- Requests for permission to miss school or school events for non-routine reasons should be addressed in writing to the Deputy Head (pupil development and welfare) and should be sent well in advance where possible.
- In cases of illness the School should be informed on each morning of absence by means of telephone call to the attendance officer (via 01223 403800), or by an email sent to [attendance@perse.co.uk](mailto:attendance@perse.co.uk).

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#### 5) Unacceptable Behaviour

Pupils are required to follow staff instructions and to accept the authority of the school. These requirements are essential so as to permit the School to perform its duty of care.

The main categories of misconduct which are considered to be serious breaches of discipline (more detail can be found in the Behaviour and Discipline Policy) and **may** lead to exclusion, removal or permanent exclusion include but are not limited to:

- Supply which means providing or sharing (whether or not for money or other consideration) or facilitation of supply (e.g. sale, exchange or sharing (which includes promotion / advertisement of facilitation supply) / possession / use of drugs and solvents or their paraphernalia or substances intended to resemble them, or alcohol or tobacco, as prohibited by the School's policy on drugs and substances and the School's rules on smoking;
- Actual or attempted theft, blackmail, intimidation, cyber-based bullying, prejudice-based bullying, discriminatory-based bullying or other potentially criminal offences including being an accessory or conspirator;
- Physical violence and / or abuse (which may include but is not limited to hitting, sharking, biting and hair pulling);
- Physical or emotional abuse or harassment (to include behaviour that may be categorised as "banter", "just having a laugh", "part of growing up" or "boys being boys");
- Initiation / hazing type violence and rituals (which may include but is not limited to activities involving harassment, abuse or humiliation used as a way of initiating a person into a group);
- Abuse in intimate personal relationships between peers (teenage relationship abuse);
- Sexual violence, sexual harassment and upskirting and other harmful/inappropriate sexual behaviour;
- Consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nude images and / or videos;
- Behaviour in contravention of the School's policies on the acceptable use of technologies or online safety;
- Supply or possession of pornography;
- Behaviour which may constitute a criminal offence, such as possession or use of firearms, knives or other weapons or vandalism, defacement, computer hacking or serious misuse of the School's IT network and / or destruction of School property;
- Persistent minor breaches of discipline, or attitudes or behaviour which are inconsistent with the School's values;
- Other misconduct which affects the welfare of a member or members of the School community or which brings the School into disrepute (single or repeated episodes) on or off School premises;
- Any form of abuse or unlawful discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, religion/belief, disability, special educational needs, sexual orientation and gender reassignment etc;

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- Deliberately coughing/spitting on other pupils/staff or a member of the School community;
- Persistent or serious breach of the School's Health and Safety guidance; and
- Other misconduct specifically provided for in the School's parent contract and School rules.

These rules will be reviewed annually. Continual and deliberate breaking of these rules or unwillingness to abide by the Code of Conduct is not consistent with membership of the School.

<b>Authorised by</b>	Jonathan Scott On behalf of the Board of Governors
<b>Effective Date</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
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