



**Holy Cross**

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## **School Expectations and Rules**

We are a Catholic community where every person is valued. We recognise each pupil as made in the image of God, all with different gifts and qualities. Christ is at the heart of our school and we promote a community where all pupils can be safe, be themselves, be proud of who they are, be happy and make our community a better place. This policy reflects our mission to Love God, Work Hard and Be Kind.

Holy Cross Catholic High School accepts no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of personal items.

## **Uniform and Appearance**

### **Footwear**

- Only **plain** black/leather look footwear is permitted in school. There must be no white/coloured designer labels, logos markings
- Footwear should be sensible. High heels, Vans, Converse or boot style shoes are not allowed
- Black trainers are not allowed

**Should any pupil wear incorrect footwear this must be removed and school will provide acceptable replacements which must be worn.**

### **Clothing**

- Correct school uniform must be worn at all times
- Any items of clothing worn underneath a school shirt must be plain white
- Skirts must be of an acceptable length – on or just above the knee
- Top shirt buttons should remain fastened and shirts tucked in
- Ties must be worn to an acceptable length
- Trousers must be tailored and not tight fitting
- If wearing a skirt, pupils should wear thick black tights or **plain** black socks that must be above the ankle and below the knee

**Should any pupil wear incorrect uniform or be without part of their uniform the school will provide acceptable replacements which must be worn.**

### **Coats/Outdoor wear**

- No coat or jacket must be worn inside
- Hoods or caps must be not worn at any time. The only exception to heads being covered will be on health/medical grounds
- Hoodies must not be worn at any time
- No leather or denim jackets

### **Jewellery**

- Pupils are permitted to wear a plain wristwatch. All other visible items of jewellery are not allowed
- Earrings and other visible piercings are not allowed

- Pupils are not permitted to cover piercings with plasters. Piercings must be removed (this includes any clear plastic piercings)
- If any item of jewellery is seen on a pupil, it will be confiscated and handed to Reception and only returned to a parent/carer

### **Hair**

- Pupils should be well groomed with clean hair and the whole face visible at all times. Hair should be one natural colour. Boys should be clean shaven
- Extreme hairstyles, including unnatural colours, hair extensions or decorative beads are not allowed
- Severe haircuts, shaven heads (below number 2 cut) and decorative designs are not allowed

### **Make Up**

- Make up and nail varnish are not permitted in school
- Any pupil wearing makeup/nail varnish will be asked to remove it with products supplied by school
- False eyelashes and nails are not permitted
- Over use of false tan will result in Isolation

**Any pupil refusing to follow staff instructions regarding school uniform policy will be subject to school discipline procedures and is likely to be suspended.**

### **Personal Property**

All personal items are brought into school at the pupils' own risk.

### **Mobile Phones**

- Holy Cross recognises the use of mobile phones travelling to and from school as they can help with pupil safety. Therefore, pupils can bring mobile phones into school on the understanding that phones are switched off, kept in bags or lockers and not seen throughout the day
- If a mobile phone is used, seen or heard on school premises it will be confiscated and handed to Reception
- If a pupil uses a phone, or other device to record any member of staff, in any situation, they may be suspended
- Confiscated mobile phones will only be returned to a parent/carer through Reception
- Pupils may leave a mobile phone in Reception during school hours. It must be clearly marked with the pupil's name and form
- Parents/carer must only contact pupils through school Reception. Likewise, pupils must only contact parents/carers through Reception
- Smart watches are not allowed in school and will be confiscated if brought in. The Smart watch will only be returned to a parent/carer through Reception

### **Electronic devices**

- Electronic devices (including earphones) are not allowed to be used in school

- If one is seen on school premises it will be confiscated and handed to Reception
- The device will only be returned to a parent/carer through Reception

### **Valuables**

- Must not be brought into school
- Scooters, motor bikes/bicycles are brought into school at pupils' own risk and school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage. Cyclists must dismount and walk only on the school grounds
- It is essential that bikes are locked when left on school grounds

### **Other School Behaviour Expectations**

#### **Healthy eating and drinking**

- Holy Cross supports and promotes healthy eating and drinking
- Holy Cross allows its pupils to drink water from clear containers in lessons, with the exception of Science
- Energy drinks and those not compliant with the food and nutritional standards for schools are not to be brought into school eg Coke/Pepsi/Tango/Monster
- Pupils seen in possession of non-compliant drinks will have the product confiscated and contents disposed of
- Chewing gum is forbidden

#### **Selling Goods**

- The governing body of Holy Cross permits the selling of specified items at given times throughout the year
- Unless a pupil has permission from the governing body, they are not allowed to sell any goods on school premises
- Any goods being sold will be confiscated and given to charity
- The school reserves the right to contact the police to assist in dealing with any pupil found repeatedly selling goods on school grounds
- Appropriate school sanctions will be applied to pupils selling goods

#### **After School Detentions**

- Holy Cross has a policy operating after school detentions
- The Education Act (2011) allows schools to detain pupils for discipline reasons. Holy Cross will provide at least 24 hours' notice of after school detentions being given
- The school is not obliged to replace after school detentions with lunchtime detentions. If there is a pressing reason why a pupil cannot attend, a parent/carer must contact the teacher to arrange a new date for the after-school detention

#### **Drugs**

- Holy Cross has a zero-tolerance approach to drugs
- Pupils in possession, using or selling drugs on school premises will be permanently excluded

### **Offensive Weapons**

- Holy Cross has a zero-tolerance approach to offensive weapons
- Pupils in possession of an offensive weapon may be permanently excluded

### **Smoking/e-Cigarettes/Vapes**

- Holy Cross, in line with current legislation, is a non-smoking school
- Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school's premises, when travelling to or from school or when travelling to, during, or travelling back from any school visit or out of school activity
- Pupils found smoking will be subject to an after-school detention. In case of repeat offenders, further sanctions up to and including suspension will be applied
- Vapes/E-cigarettes/liquids brought into school will be confiscated and disposed of safely

### **Absence from School grounds**

- Pupils are not allowed off school premises during school hours
- In exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may grant permission for pupils to leave school at lunchtime
- Any pupil given permission must conform to the conditions listed on the permission letter
- Permission can be withdrawn if the conditions are not upheld

The Headteacher's decision on all matters is final.

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