

School Rules and Guidelines



Pupils at St Peter's are expected to demonstrate good manners, common sense, honesty and consideration for others at all times.

The acceptance and observation of school rules and guidelines is a fundamental part of membership of the school. All pupils are expected to conform to the school rules whilst under the authority of the school. This means throughout the day, to and from school, whilst wearing school or Sixth Form uniform and during any school activity either on campus or off-site.

Any action which may harm the good standing of the school (be it in school time or leisure time) may be regarded as an infringement of school rules and dealt with accordingly.

Behaviour and Bullying: No pupil has the right to make another pupil unhappy through thoughtless verbal, physical, mental or other means. Bullying of any sort is completely unacceptable and will be dealt with most severely.

Pupils are expected to behave with dignity. Behaviour should not cause offence or embarrassment and there should be no inappropriate public displays of affection at school.

Any pupils involved in a full sexual relationship whilst in the school's care can expect to be asked to leave St Peter's.

Illegal substances; Alcohol; Smoking; Weapons: Pupils may not have in their possession, or use, the following whilst under the authority of the school: illegal substances, alcohol, cigarette lighters, any smoking materials, any offensive weapon or fireworks.

Any use or possession of any of the above will result in serious sanctions, as the Head Master deems appropriate.

Any pupil found in possession of, or tested positive for, illegal substances can expect to be asked to leave St Peter's.

Alcohol may only be consumed at school events and on school trips by Sixth Form pupils with the express permission of the Head Master.

Sixth Form boarders should be aware of the law when visiting licensed premises. They may visit only with the permission of their Housemasters.

Abuse of alcohol whilst in the care of the school will be treated seriously.

ICT: On joining the school, all pupils must sign and adhere to the agreement regarding the proper use of computers and the network in school.

Any abuse of the ICT system or misuse of the access granted to pupils will result in removal from the system for a period of time. More serious incidents may result in a pupil being asked to leave the school and the police being involved. Unauthorised access of the school ICT system is a criminal offence.

Mobile Phones: The school recognises that for boarding and day pupils mobile phone contact with parents/guardians is an important link. Pupils are expected to use phones appropriately. The use of mobile phones is not permitted during lessons, at Assembly or in Chapel.

The misuse of a mobile phone or camera, particularly in text bullying, is unacceptable. The school will take the strongest action against anyone involved in this form of bullying.

Inappropriate use of phones and/ or social media, including sending, saving or sharing indecent images, will be dealt with most severely.

Dress: All pupils should be tidy in appearance and conform to the uniform and games kit regulations which are published in the joining instructions and in Houses.

Boarders may change into casual clothes at the end of each school day; day pupils may do so on Saturdays, after games/activities.

On weekdays, all pupils must arrive and leave school in correct school uniform / Sixth Form dress.

Bounds: All pupils will remain on school grounds throughout the school day, though shops between Clifton Green and the Churchill Hotel may be visited outside lesson times. Pupils may only go beyond these boundaries by arrangement with their House staff.

Pupils may only visit other houses outside lesson time if permission is granted in advance by Housemasters/mistresses of the pupils concerned.

The Museum Gardens are out of bounds except for the main footpath between St Olave's Church and Lendal.

Pupils must cross the main A19 road only by the footbridge or the pelican crossings.

School lessons: Attendance is compulsory. Pupils should give their teachers at least 24 hours' notice of planned absences (eg music lessons and away fixtures). Sit-outs are to be used only for quiet, academic work or similar study.

Food: During the school day, pupils may eat and drink only in Houses or in the Dining Room. No food may be taken out of the Dining Room. Chewing gum is forbidden in school.

Motor Transport: Pupils must receive the Head Master's permission to use their own motor transport to school. This will only be given if there is real need for the Sixth Former to require a car to travel to school.

No pupil may be driven by another pupil, or anyone else under 21, without the written consent of both sets of parents.

A pupil may not bring a car onto the school grounds. Cars and motorcycles may not be used during the school day (including lunchtimes).

These rules are a brief summary and, together with the School Policies, have been designed to benefit the whole school community. Parents are most welcome to request specific policies.

All school policies are available for parents and pupils to read in the School Office.