

**St. Patrick's N.S., Slane**  
**School Policies**

***School Rules***

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The school is committed to enabling children gain the maximum benefit from their years in Primary school. The Code of Discipline supports teachers, parents and children in maintaining a secure working environment for all pupils. To facilitate the smooth operation of the school in fostering the development of each child, the following policy has been agreed. Specific rules may be amended as the need arises –

**Class Rules** - At the beginning of each year teachers, in consultation with the principal, devise a set of classroom rules applicable to their class. This is displayed prominently in the classroom.

**School Rules:**

1. Politeness and good manners are expected at all times.
2. Show courtesy and respect to teachers and other staff.
3. Respect the rights of other children.
4. Come to school regularly and on time.
5. Full school uniform and footwear to be worn by all pupils.
6. Jewellery other than watches and stud earrings is not permitted.
7. Chewing gum is not allowed in the school.
8. Children remain in their own classrooms, leaving it only with permission.
9. Go to and from classrooms in an orderly manner.
10. Play outside in areas indicated by teachers.
11. Bad Language, rough play, fighting or bullying not allowed.
12. Pupils may not bring into school any item that
  - (a) is a danger to the welfare and safety of either pupils or teachers.
  - (b) is likely to cause distraction or interruption in school.
13. Smoking, the possession of cigarettes, matches, lighters or other dangerous substances by children is expressly forbidden in the school
14. Treat all furniture and equipment with care. The school reserves the right to ask parents to pay, for example, for the cost of replacing a broken desk, a defaced book or damaged item of equipment where this is the result of a pupil's behaviour.
15. Keep personal property (shoes, coats, shoe bags, books etc.) neat and tidy.
16. Keep the school & grounds free from litter.
17. A note or verbal explanation from parents must be presented when
  - (a) a child has been absent.
  - (b) a child is late arriving.
  - (c) homework has not been done.
18. Children are allowed to leave the school during school hours only
  - (a) in the company of a parent or guardian, or
  - (b) in the company of a teacher.
19. Walk promptly to bus, car or home at 3 p.m.