



## **Dea-iompar (Behaviour for Learning)**

Our priority in Coláiste De Lacy is to ensure a safe, positive, supportive and optimal educational environment for all. Consequently high expectations will be communicated to and required from all students. Coláiste De Lacy will be powered by positive relationships and care. The philosophical foundations of our Code of Conduct are care, respect, positivity and personal responsibility. The expectations of students (school rules) are outlined as follows:

### **The expectations/rules of Coláiste De Lacy are as follows:**

1. Students will treat themselves, school staff, fellow students and visitors to the school with respect and have consideration for the rights and feelings of others. Students will refer to teachers as *Iníon* or *Máistir*.

This is a rule of our school because having respect for oneself and for others promotes a respectful, caring atmosphere where the rights of all are upheld. Having consideration for the rights and feelings of others creates a better, more pleasant learning environment. This is essential for developing *caidrimh dhearfacha* (positive relationships) within Coláiste De Lacy.

2. Students will co-operate and follow the instructions of all staff members. Students will co-operate with and be kind to each other.

This is a rule of our school to maintain good order, avoid disruption and create a better learning/working environment for all. Instructions given to assist the smooth day to day running of the school are carried out in the interests of all. Physical violence cannot be tolerated.

3. Students will attend school regularly; remain for the full school day and if absent, the school will be notified of the reason for the absence.

This is a rule of our school because missing class adversely affects learning and can impede the progress of the other students. The school is legally obliged to report the reason for all absences. Students and parents/guardians must follow the correct sign out procedures.

4. Students will bring their dialann, iPad, books, copies and all equipment that they need to all relevant classes. iPads will be brought to school fully charged.

This is a rule of our school to ensure that students are fully prepared for their learning and to minimise time wasting. Having the correct learning resources in class means students can access the correct materials to help their learning.

5. Students will do their *obair bhaile* (homework) and participate fully in class. They will listen to each other and their teachers and not disrupt any classes. Students will take responsibility for their learning and do their best at all times.

This is a rule of our school because *obair bhaile* reinforces learning and helps students to reach their full potential. Disruption of classes is unfair on fellow students and prevents the learning of everyone. Everyone in Coláiste De Lacy will be '*ag foghlaim le chéile*' (learning together) and so disruption of learning will NOT be tolerated.

6. Students will get their parents/guardians to sign their dialann scoile every weekend.

This is a rule of our school because it facilitates communication between teachers and parents/guardians. In addition, it allows everyone to monitor student progress.

7. Students will keep their mobile phones and other electronic devices switched OFF during class times and they will not use them to record or photograph any person/thing related to school without prior permission. iPad's will be used in class to facilitate learning but must be stored safely in lockers at break time and lunch. Sending messages by phone/iPad is not allowed during class time.

This means that mobile phones and other electronic devices must not be visible during class times (with the exception of school iPads). Such devices that are visible are considered to be in use. This is a rule of our school for the following reasons:

- Messaging causes too many disruptions and distractions from learning
- Camera phones impinge on the privacy of others

- Inappropriate use of mobile phones or electronic recording/listening devices causes disruption, prevents students from hearing instructions and impinges on the privacy of others.

8. Students will be on time for school/class and not loiter or go to their lockers between classes.

This is a rule of our school because not being on time causes disruption to the learning of everyone. In addition, Coláiste De Lacy is concerned about the *fás* (growth/development) of the whole child/person and encourages students to develop good punctuality which will be expected of them in their professional lives.

9. Students will move quietly around the school in an orderly manner.

This is a rule of our school for the health and safety of students and staff and so that teaching and learning can take place in a positive atmosphere and without unnecessary disturbances.

10. Students will wear their full school uniform every day to and from school and comply fully with the correct Coláiste De Lacy *éide scoile* (uniform) code.

This is a rule of our school because uniforms promote an atmosphere of uniformity, pride and equality among the student population. The uniform is the public image of the school and it is the responsibility of each member of the school community to promote that image. The uniform code is clearly communicated to students and parents/guardians through the dialann, presentations at information nights and letters/information sheets sent to homes.

11. Students will show respect for all property and equipment in the school and on the school grounds. Students will not throw litter and will assist in keeping the school clean and tidy.

This is a rule of our school because defacing/damaging school property is destructive and shows a lack of respect and consideration for the school community of which the student is a member. Damage to property costs money in repairs, which could be better spent on other school items and could also cause a hazard to health and safety.

12.

Students will not chew gum, smoke or bring any prohibited substances into the school.  
Students will fully comply with the Substance Use Policy.

This is a rule of our school for the following reasons:

- Chewing gum damages property
- Smoking on the school grounds is illegal and smoking seriously damages health
- Banned/prohibited substances pose a risk to the safety of all

**Important Notes:**

Coláiste De Lacy endeavours, to the greatest possible extent, to provide an appropriate education for all students and, in that context, the right of the overwhelming majority of compliant students to learn will not be subverted by any disruptive minority.

The above expectations for students are taken from the school Code of Conduct.

Full compliance with the schools Code of Conduct is a condition of enrolment in Coláiste De Lacy.

***We have read and understand the expectations of students in Coláiste De Lacy.***

***We understand that sanctions may be imposed in the case of non-compliance.***

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardians Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_