



## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT & RESPECT

# Orbus Junior Primary School

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### Policy Document Information

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All policy, protocols and procedures flow from the school's Mission Statement:

***"To educate the next generation so that they are well skilled, understand life on the basis of biblical truth, and are motivated to walk with God and serve Him in their lives so that they will bring a highly skilled and powerfully positive Christian influence in tomorrow's community."***

As a Christian School, we aim to glorify God in everything we do. This means, that everything that happens in the classroom, the playground, walking home, and any offsite activities needs to be pleasing to God.

The Student Code of Conduct and Respect consists of two distinct and yet equally important components: the Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Respect.

### Student Code of Conduct

#### 1. LOVE, RESPECT AND HONOUR GOD

In all you do seek to honour and obey God. *The Great Commandment in Matthew 22: 34-40.*

#### 2. LOVE, RESPECT, AND HONOUR YOUR TEACHERS

Follow their instructions, address them politely, accept their help in learning. Follow all class rules. *Titus 3:1. "Remind your people to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey them and to be ready to do good in every way."*

### **3. LOVE, RESPECT & ACCEPT YOUR FELLOW PUPILS**

Be helpful whenever you can & treat others with understanding. Don't cause arguments or fights and don't do anything that might cause injury. Seek to build up and encourage one another; speak positively to each other and treat each other well. Respect differences & don't engage in behaviours that belittle others. *1 Thessalonians 5:11. "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."*

### **4. RESPECT THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS**

Take care of your property & the property of others. Gain permission before borrowing someone else's property. Don't steal or damage it, and be sure to hand in lost property. *Exodus 20:15 "You shall not steal".*

### **5. RESPECT THE TRUTH**

Be honest in all situations and never make up lies about others. *1 Peter 2:1. "Rid yourselves then of all evil; no more lying or hypocrisy or jealousy or insulting language."*

### **6. LEARN ALL YOU CAN**

Your academic work (including homework) is the work God has given you to do. We don't expect all students to have the same ability but we do expect that all students will put their best efforts into every task they are given. Make up your mind: to pay attention in class; to do your work; to join in school activities and develop your skills during your school years. *Proverbs 23:12. "Pay attention to your teachers and learn all you can."*

### **7. LOOK AFTER THE SCHOOL**

The school property is God's provision so please respect it and keep it tidy and clean. Take care of the buildings, furniture, grounds and all school property.

### **8. EARN THE SCHOOL A GOOD NAME**

Dress properly; behave well; respect visitors; play sport fairly, do your best in all school activities. *1 Timothy 4:12. "Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity."*

### **9. BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME WITH THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT**

Never miss school or any lesson without proper permission. Always be prepared for lessons, meet homework requirements & bring the right equipment to each lesson. *James 4:17 "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."*

### **10. WORK AND PLAY SAFELY WITH CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS**

Keep the school a safe place where no one feels threatened, bullied or hurt in any way. *Phil. 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."*

## **Student Guidelines for Respect**

At Orbus Junior Primary School we seek to love, respect and honour God, our teachers and fellow students. We also need to respect what the school stands for, so it is important to respect the values God wants us to live by, which include telling the truth and growing in the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, kindness, patience, peace, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

How do we show respect at Orbus? Abide by the **Student Code of Conduct** and follow the following **Student Guidelines for Respect**:

1. "Make eye contact". Look a person in the eye when you are shaking hands or talking with them. If someone talks to you, turn and face that person.
2. When talking with teachers or elders always address them with their title: Miss, Mr or Mrs.
3. If you win or do well at something do not brag. If you lose do not show anger, instead say something like "I really enjoyed the competition and I look forward to playing you again" or "Good game". To display anger or sarcasm such as "I wasn't really trying," or "I wasn't playing hard" means you weren't really that good and shows weakness.
4. If you are asked a question in conversation you should ask a question in return. E.g. "Did you have a nice weekend?" "Yes I had a great time. Did you have a good weekend?"
5. When you cough, sneeze or burp it is appropriate to turn you head away from others, cover your mouth with a full part of the hand and afterwards say excuse me.
6. Do not show disrespect with gestures (body language) – particular slouching, rolling eyes, sighing, saying 'tisk' are signs of disrespect and are not acceptable.
7. When you are given something from someone, never insult that person by making a negative comment about the gift. Always say thank you when given something. There is no excuse for not showing appreciation.
8. If someone lends you something, take better care of the item than you would if it were your own item. Return the item ASAP with a special "thank you".
9. If another person stumbles, forgets something, mispronounces a word, does or says something that may be embarrassing for them, say nothing or offer help if appropriate. To laugh, smirk or ridicule that person makes you appear unkind as we all make mistakes. There is no excuse for belittling or making fun of another person. 'I was only joking' is not an acceptable excuse.
10. When the Head Teacher or a visitor enters the room, students are to stand and greet them using an appropriate salutation (eg Good morning Mr/Mrs) or an alternative arranged by the class.
11. To respect the Christian prayers at the School, when we pray together please bow your head and close your eyes.
12. Leave a room in better condition than when you find it. Pick up rubbish; put away chairs and alert staff to anything broken or unsafe in the school grounds/building.
13. Zero tolerance on swearing. Do not say anything you wouldn't say if Jesus was sitting next to you. Encourage one another with good words and actions.