

# Student Code of Conduct

**Tapton**  
SCHOOL

Outstanding behaviour at Tapton School is non-negotiable. It is essential for outstanding teaching and learning. It is essential for everyone to feel safe and happy. It is essential for the creation of a harmonious environment.

Students must learn to conduct themselves in a courteous, cooperative and respectful manner. These are not only the unequivocal expectations of Tapton School but the expectations of society. We do not serve our school, our community or wider society by lowering the bar.

In order to achieve our vision of valuing everyone, caring for each other and achieving excellence students must adhere to the following three principles:

**Be kind**

**Work hard**

**Follow the rules**

1. You must be punctual to form and all lessons. The school day begins at 9.15am. You need to be waiting outside your form room by 9.10. If you are late you will be in a same day lunchtime detention – this is non-negotiable.
2. You must follow instructions first time, quickly, quietly and without question so that learning can begin. The teacher is in charge of their classroom and their corridor. Show teachers you are ready to learn by sitting down quietly and getting out your school equipment.
3. Move around the building sensibly and quietly. Always keep to the left on corridors so that everyone can reach their destinations on time.
4. Food or drink may only be consumed in the Dining Room or outside. Litter needs to go in the bins. There is no chewing in lessons.
5. Mobile phones, Ipods and other electronic devices are not allowed in the school building during our working hours – 9.10-3.30 this is non-negotiable. These rules also apply in the Dining Room. From the 9.10 bell any such items that are out will be confiscated without discussion. The first confiscation will result in a warning and letter home. The second one will result in items being locked away until a meeting has been held with families.
6. You have time to visit the toilet and fill up water bottles at break and lunchtime not during lessons.
7. In Tapton all pupils wear full uniform. This does not include faded trousers, leggings, jogging bottoms or white trainers. Outdoor clothing (such as coats or hooded jumpers) are not worn in classrooms. No hoods or hats in the building. Hats will be confiscated if they are worn in the building. Failure to wear full uniform without an exceptional reason will result in a same day detention.
8. Be kind and courteous in all of your interactions – with teachers, with your peers and with people in our community. Tapton School will not tolerate bullying in any form and the Headteacher will consider the most serious sanctions for any student who intimidates or bullies others.
9. The following items cannot be brought into school - alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, vaping equipment, knives or weapons\* and illegal drugs\*. (\* a permanent exclusion will be considered if these items are brought to school).
10. Be kind, work hard and follow the rules.