

St. Ronan's N.S. Deansrath



**Star Code of Behaviour
(Explanatory Booklet 1st-6th Class)**

S.T.A.R. Code of Conduct



St. Ronan's is here to enable children, parents and teachers to work together in a secure environment where children can enjoy learning and achieve their full potential so they are ready for life and become confident, competent, responsible and happy members of their community.

Now, more than ever safety is of utmost importance.

Our school has a long tradition of parents and teachers working together for the good of the children. Our STAR code of behaviour is another stage in this process.

The system is based on a positive approach to discipline. Children are rewarded for being well behaved. We want them to "reach for the stars". This puts the spotlight on good effort and behaviour and removes it from negative behaviour.

The rules and sanctions are printed and displayed in every classroom. They are based on the code of behaviour worked out by the working committee of parents and teachers.

The emphasis is on the positive. Children can earn up to three stars a day to fill their bronze, silver and gold booklets.

When rules are broken, children are penalised. The penalties are known as sanctions. There are five steps in the sanctions process which are outlined later.

Our belief is that by rewarding good behaviour and effort, a more positive learning atmosphere will be created. School will be a happier and more productive experience for our children. We can all work together to achieve the aims set out above.

First – Sixth Class Rules

Classroom Rules

1. I will be in class at and be prepared for the day.
2. I will do as I am asked immediately.
3. I will raise my hand and wait quietly for attention.
4. I will listen attentively and in silence to the person who is speaking.
5. I will work quietly in my place and do my best.
6. I will stay quiet and be seated when teacher is out of the room.
7. I will do my homework.
8. I will be polite and respectful towards all pupils, staff and visitors.
9. I will be truthful and honest.
10. I will take responsibility for my own behaviour.

Out of Class Rules

1. I must have permission to be out of class.
2. I will walk quietly within the school keeping a distance.
3. I will stay in my own yard and line up properly.
4. I will do as I am asked immediately by the supervising teacher/adult.
5. I will eat in the proper place at the proper time.
6. I understand that all name calling, fighting and all types of bullying are not acceptable. I will tell the adult on duty.
7. I will line up quietly outside my classroom/prefab before class.
8. I will always walk on the footpaths around the school. I will never walk through the car park. I will tell all adults to do the same.
9. I will treat the school building, school surrounds, furniture, equipment and books with respect.
10. I will represent my school in a positive manner on all school outings.

What the rules mean

Rule 1: I will be in class and be prepared for the day.

- Being prepared means wearing the full school uniform or navy tracksuit and non-marking runners.

- Children must be in the correct uniform – school tracksuit on PE days only.
- Girls can wear grey trousers if they wish.
- No jewellery or footwear which constitutes a danger to oneself or others may be worn.
- No make – up, nail varnish or false nails.
- Children must wear their school uniform on all trips outside the school premises. This could be either the full uniform or the tracksuit as decided by the class teacher. Children not in uniform will not be permitted to go on trips.
- Each child should have the appropriate copies, pencils, rulers etc. as required in class..... NO BORROWING
- Notes must be made in the journal following an absence, if a child is late and for permission to leave early.
- School begins at 8:50 each day.

Rule 2: I will do as I am asked immediately.

- Children should obey all teachers/adults in charge without answering back or a disrespectful attitude.
- Chewing gum is not allowed in school or on yard.

Rule 6: I will stay quiet and be seated when teacher is out of the room.

- Children may go to the toilet etc. when given permission by the supervising teacher.

Rule 7: I will do my homework.

- Homework must be fully completed, checked by an adult and signed – journal/reading.

Rule 8:

- Keep your hands to yourself and keep your distance.
- No coughing or spitting on people.

Rewards

If everything goes well, a child may get three star stamps per day. Once a child is awarded a star, it is not taken away. The stamps are awarded for three periods each day

- 8:50 to Break
- Break – Lunch
- Lunch – Home-time

There are three booklets in the course of the year, bronze, silver and gold. There are 150 stars in each booklet, 50 on each page.

- Rewards are given at the completion of each page.
- On completion of each booklet a medal is awarded. (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Some children will achieve bronze, silver and gold before the end of the school year. They will move on to the “Superstar Club” with special rewards.
- Children who have **earned 10** stars during the week will have Golden Time on Fridays.

Sanctions

Step 1: Verbal Warning.

Step 2: Yellow Card on child's table.

Step 3: “Stop and Think” card placed on table.

Step 4: Sent to a partner class.

Step 5: Suspension

Note:

- As in all schools a child may be suspended for a single act of gross misbehaviour.
- Deliberate coughing or spitting will not be tolerated, offenders will be put on step 5 and sent home.