

## **Coole Music and Arts Ltd. Code of Behaviour (June 2015)**

### **Aims:**

- To help create a positive learning environment in which every student can benefit from their class.
- To encourage good standards of behaviour based on consideration, respect and tolerance for others.
- To maintain respect for the school environment.

While acknowledging the fact that most students are accompanied by parents while attending classes at Coole Music & Arts, and that incidences of poor behaviour are very rare, our Code of Behaviour has been prepared with regard for the health, safety and welfare of all members and teachers at Coole Music & Arts and with respect to Gort Community School in which our music school operates. Please discuss these rules with your child and explain the reasons they are in place.

- Students are expected to show respect for teachers, parents and fellow pupils at all times. For example, when attending/participating in Coole Music concerts/events, students are encouraged to show appropriate respect for other performers by not chatting/playing during performances.
- School property and the property of others must be treated with respect. Interfering with or damaging Gort Community School property, e.g. writing on walls, tables, etc. is not permitted. Chewing gum is never permitted in the school, and students are required to use the litter bins to keep the school and grounds tidy.
- Aggressive behaviour or foul language is not tolerated in the school.
- Running indoors, pushing, jostling and any sort of rough play is not permitted.
- For safety reasons children are not allowed to play on the concrete steps outside the main building.
- Students are expected to be quiet and remain seated when using the assembly area as after-school study sessions take place in nearby classrooms.
- No student is allowed leave the school grounds without permission.

**Safety, Class Duration/Protocol for Entering Classrooms:** Parents are expected to accompany students of national school age at all times i.e. before, during and after lessons. Please do not drop your child/children at the gate while you find a parking space.

It is recommended school policy that students (w/ parent) arrive at their class a few minutes before their scheduled start time, knock on the classroom door, enter, take out their instrument and wait quietly for the teacher to complete the current lesson. Students should not arrive more than 5 minutes early, and should be respectful of the other student's lesson time. Coole Music recommends this protocol as it facilitates each student getting their full class time without delay and students can wait in a safe environment.

### **Group Classes**

It is expected that the class teacher will, in a positive manner, explain ground rules for expected behaviour at the start of term when teaching a group class and that by participating in the group class, students agree to adhere to the rules. For example, in orchestra rehearsals, it is expected that students will refrain from playing/talking while others are tuning. In group theory classes, continuously talking/ disrupting out of turn/ distracting others etc. would be considered poor behaviour. Procedures to deal with misbehaviour may include the teacher verbally correcting/reasoning with the child, then, depending on the circumstances, bringing the misbehaviour to the parents' attention after class. In the case of serious misbehaviour, the Director, the teacher and the parents may need to have ongoing discussions to monitor the situation. Every effort will be made to reinforce the benefits of good behaviour to the child.

### **Anti-Bullying Policy**

Bullying is repeated aggression which is verbal, psychological or physical. Bullying is conducted by an individual or group against others. Isolated incidents of aggressive behaviour, which should not be condoned, cannot be described as bullying. It is an important element of our school policy to raise awareness of bullying as unacceptable behaviour.

Our school will not tolerate any unkind actions or remarks, even if these were not meant to hurt. Every student has the right to enjoy his/her time while attending Coole Music classes.

**Bullying Complaints Procedure:** The primary contact person for complaints regarding school operations is Fiona Buckley via email at [info@coole-music.com](mailto:info@coole-music.com) or phone at 0863467245.