

Clare English Language School - Code of Behaviour

The Code of Behaviour applies to students of Clare English Language School and relates to all school activities both during and outside of normal school hours. The school strives to provide a safe learning environment for the development of students. Our Code of Behaviour is based on respect for oneself, for others and for our environment, so that a positive and co-operative school atmosphere prevails. A high level of courtesy and consideration for each other is necessary. Behaviour which is ill-mannered, dangerous or disruptive cannot be allowed. Our code is based on an ethos that teachers, staff, excursion leaders, Host Families, bus driver and other students should be treated with respect, dignity and fairness at all times. This Code of Behaviour has been compiled to ensure that the experience of all our students is a positive one.

Host Families: Always be friendly and courteous with your Host Family. Do as they ask. Offer to help before and after meals.

- In the evenings, students can only socialise with other students who are in the same area.
- Socialise only in common areas, not bedrooms.
- Only get off the bus at your Host Family stop.
- Host families are not expected to transport students outside their own area except on Sundays.
- When leaving the house, always inform the Host Family of where you are going.
- Curfew is 9:00pm.
- Smoking is not permitted in the home of the Host Family.
- Excessive data transfers or downloads using wifi are forbidden without consent of the Host Family.

Road Safety: Students need to be very careful when walking on or along roads. In Ogonnelloe, students must use the path along the road. Always look both ways when crossing a road; remember, we drive on the “wrong” side of the road! Do not walk on any road at dusk or in darkness.

Rules:

- All Irish laws must be obeyed.
- No Swimming unless there is a lifeguard present.
- No Hitchhiking.
- Shop-lifting is a serious offence.
- Seatbelts **MUST** be worn while travelling on the bus.
- No graffiti on Raheen Wood School or ALFA property.
- Chewing gum is not permitted at school.
- Damages to property will be charged to the parents of the student.
- Bullying will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Headphones or earpieces are not allowed to be used at school
- Mobile phones or digital music devices are not allowed at school.
- Speakers, tablets and ipads are not allowed during excursions or on the school bus.
- Mobile phones will be collected when arriving at our overnight excursion and returned the next evening.
- The drinking age in Ireland is 18. Students under the age of 18 may not drink alcohol under any circumstances. Students under the age of 18 may only visit a pub if accompanied by an adult from the Host Family. They may not go with an 18-year-old from the course. Students who are 18 and over may only drink in a pub and act responsibly. They are not allowed to buy alcohol and drink outside of a pub. Students are not allowed to buy alcohol in order to bring back to their home country.
- Do not walk down the lane beside the Nihill Host Family.
- Do not go near the unoccupied house near the McNamara Host Family.

Students with mobile phones should put Alan’s number in their list of contacts: **ALAN’S MOBILE NUMBER: +353 85 7394465**