



THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL

A Behaviour Code for Pupils

This code is based on just one principle; *being concerned for the needs of others as well as yourself.*

In your general behaviour

Required behaviour	Explanation
Speak politely to other pupils and adults.	If you're feeling upset or bad tempered, explain. Most people feel grumpy sometimes and will understand if they are made aware of your feelings.
Do not shout at anybody and avoid being sarcastic or confrontational.	All these ways of behaving upset others and make it much harder to live happily together.
Do not use language which is offensive, abusive or rude.	Such language just reduces the respect others have for you and angers them, making it hard for you to live and work together.
Respect other people's points of view and try to understand them.	People's ideas are different, reflecting their experiences. Rejecting somebody's point of view may seem to them to be a rejection of their family and culture.
If it proves necessary, be prepared to explain your point of view or the reasons for your actions in a patient manner.	This could help to prevent misunderstanding, now and in the future.
Be co-operative, friendly and well-mannered to the people who care for you and teach you.	The house services and care staff have jobs to do and rules to follow just as you do.
Do not deliberately annoy somebody else, in any way.	Doing this upsets many other people and can lead to great unhappiness.
Always try to solve arguments amicably, as soon as possible and preferably before bedtime on the day they occur.	Going to bed distressed can lead to a loss of sleep and another spoilt day. Ask an adult to mediate if necessary.
Do not take advantage of someone in a weaker position than yourself.	Familiarise yourself with The Anti-Bullying Policy
Apologise if you offend or upset somebody.	It will make it easier to get along in the future if the person you have hurt knows that you are sorry.
If you are late, apologise and explain why.	Your teacher will appreciate your politeness.
If you have a problem which is affecting your peace or security at White Lodge, find an adult with whom you can discuss it.	Trying to ignore it in the hope that it will go away does not work, it just gets harder to cope with. Be prepared to listen and consider advice, even if you feel you cannot act on it.

In the dormitory

Required behaviour	Explanation
Keep living areas (dormitories, common rooms, corridors and bathrooms) clean and tidy so that they are pleasant and comfortable to live in.	Put your belongings away in the places provided for you. Put your litter in the bins. Leave the bathroom and toilet tidy after you have used them.
Respect and care for other people's belongings and recognise that every pupil has a right to private space	Do not 'borrow' or move anything which belongs to somebody else. In particular do not use, hide, break or destroy other people's property.



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Do not prevent others from doing what they need to do - sleeping at night, having time to bath or shower, using the telephone etc.	There will be times when you will need this consideration and it is easier if this is the normal way to behave.
Be co-operative in completing duties and following routines in the dormitory and carry out house-staff requests promptly and with goodwill.	House-staff have many duties, the most important of which is caring for you and helping you. They cannot do this if all their time is taken up with discipline.

Throughout the school day

Required behaviour	Explanation
Move about the School in a sensible way; don't run, be ready to help by opening doors and standing back to let people pass.	The more orderly and polite everybody is, the less chance there is of accidents and unnecessary noise.
Keep the School clean and tidy. Don't throw litter and be prepared to pick up any you see.	The School will be a more pleasant place for pupils, staff and visitors.
Wear correct School uniform (keeping to summer or winter requirements), sensible shoes and no make-up or jewellery.	You will feel proud that you look good to visitors.
Check that you have the correct books and equipment for all classes. (It's best to do this first thing in the morning.)	Your classes will be more productive and you will feel better knowing you are organised.
Be in your classroom or studio, ready to start work, in time for the class to begin.	Time lost at the beginning of classes can make a difference to whether you will understand or not.
Work sensibly and avoid distracting others.	It will keep a good atmosphere in the classroom.
Carry out any request made by a teacher, without delay or argument.	Arguing wastes time for you and the class and makes for an unpleasant atmosphere in the classroom.
Be polite and respectful and pay attention at all times and thank your teacher at the end of the class.	It makes learning much easier if there is a quiet and co-operative air in the classroom.
Use your Homework Diary to record work set for you.	It will help you to learn to organise yourself and asking others disrupts prep.
Leave the classroom or studio tidy; clear all your litter (tissues, cuttings etc.) into the bin	You don't want to start your class in an untidy and disrupted classroom so don't leave it like that for others.

Signature of parent/guardian:..... Date:.....

Signature of pupil:..... Date:.....