**Positive Behaviour**

Any institution must have an agreed set of rules to ensure its smooth functioning: schools are no exception. Behaviour Management in schools, however, is not a topic which can be treated separately from other aspects of school life. How a pupil feels about school is much more likely to influence their behaviour within it than an arbitrary list of rules. Pupils who have respect for and are respected by their teachers, pupils who are involved in and committed to the work they are doing and who are given genuine responsibility within the school are much more likely to have positive attitudes towards the school.

In Johnstone High School we achieve good behaviour management by establishing good relationships between staff and pupils and among the pupils themselves. Good relationships are achieved by insisting on basic manners and courtesy Basic courtesies like respecting others, respecting the school and the community , being tolerant of others’ views and opinions, keeping quiet when others are speaking, saying please and thank you and holding doors for those coming behind, help in the establishment of positive relationships. Pupils are at school to learn and self-discipline is something that Johnstone High school will try to cultivate within the pupils.

As young adults they will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own lives and to live with the consequences of their actions. Should your son or daughter persistently misbehave they will meet the school’s behaviour sanctions which can range from a behaviour minus to a formal exclusion. Staff within Johnstone High School will do everything to be supportive of pupils, however we will not allow the actions of a few to jeopardise the education of others. As a parent you have a responsibility to ensure that your child behaves and the school asks for your co-operation and support to ensure that good behaviour can be maintained within the school.

Pupils should:

* Be ready to enter the school building at 8.45am (for 8.50am start) and at the end of lunchtime.
* Not leave the school building during the normal school day without permission.
* Bring a note explaining any periods of absence on the day you return.
* Listen carefully to your teacher’s instructions and always follow all safety rules.
* Coats and outdoor clothes should be taken off in the classroom.
* Look after all books and equipment which you are given.
* Eating and drinking are not allowed in classrooms or in corridors
* Always wear clothes which are suitable for school; you are encouraged to wear school uniform at all times.
* Football scarves, tops etc. should not be brought to school.
* Be courteous to each other and to members of staff at all times.
* Show consideration for others in corridors and stairways.
* Be helpful to all visitors to the school.
* Look after the school building and take care not to damage furniture or other fittings.
* Do not drop any litter in the playground or inside the building. Litter bins are provided.
* At intervals and lunchtimes you should only be in certain parts of the school if you are attending a club or activity.