



SEDBERGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL RULES 2020/21

In any community there are 'unwritten rules' which are reasonable and well known. Moreover, in areas where there is no rule, good sense should prevail. This enables the number of written rules to be minimised. Deliberate attempts to avoid rules, or to stretch them, can only result in further restrictions. Trust is of paramount importance.

Specific details pertaining to other areas of School life are published in Houses and are available from your son's or daughter's Housemaster/Mistress.

Participation in a School community does not place the individual beyond the Law of the Land. Therefore, in all circumstances, the Law of the land must be observed.

Please note that new protocols regarding the safety of all in our community must also be followed in relation to minimising any possible transmission of disease. These details will be widely communicated to all as Government regulations and guidance are updated.

1. Attendance

- (a) Absence from school for medical, dental and routine appointments should be avoided in term time, but where unavoidable, requests should be made to Housemasters or Housemistresses. Requests for exceptional absences such as family events and holidays should be made to the Deputy Head (Pastoral).
- (b) In Michaelmas Term 2020, pupils are allowed to take Exeats on the long weekends only (25-27 September and 20-22 November 2020). As is always the case, Exeats are optional and pupils may remain in School where a programme of activities will be arranged. Pupils taking Exeats may depart School at 4.15pm on the Friday and be back at School by 7.00pm on Sunday. All information regarding Exeats should be recorded on the Transfer of Care form.
- (c) Pupils may visit town and use its facilities during free time only, with the following provisos:
 - (i) Pupils must adhere to the latest Covid rules.
 - (ii) Free time is defined as that period outside of timetabled lessons, study periods, games, activities, prep, assembly, and Chapel.

- (iii) Pupils may visit licensed premises as above but may only consume alcohol on Saturday evenings between 5.30pm and 7.30pm as described in the alcohol policy. All licensed premises should be vacated by 7.30pm on a Saturday evening.
 - (iv) Pupils may not visit take away food establishments midweek or after 4pm at weekends, unless they have a red card from their Housemasters/mistresses.
 - (v) Pupils may not visit town after Prep or after 10pm on Saturdays.
 - (vi) Permission is required on each occasion from Housemaster/mistress for visits to any private houses, private grounds, or other private premises.
- (d) From Michaelmas half term up to Easter, pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 may not go beyond their House Yards after Tea excepting for official activities for which they must seek Housemaster's/Housemistress's permission and sign out. Pupils in the Sixth Form are allowed out after Tea from half term in the Lent Term.
- (e) Leaving boarding Houses after the bedtime roll call is forbidden.
- (f) Boys and girls may visit each other's Houses only at designated times (published on the Boarding House notice boards) and they must sign-in. When House visiting, boys and girls may not visit each other's bedrooms, dormitories and study rooms and may only meet in the designated Common Room areas.

2. Alcohol, Tobacco & Drugs

- (a) The purchase use or possession of smoking materials is forbidden. Please see the School's Alcohol & Tobacco Policy for more details.
- (b) The purchase use or possession of any unauthorised drugs is forbidden. Please see School's Drug Policy for more details.
- (c) The purchase, consumption, or possession of alcohol by pupils in Years 9-11 is forbidden.
- (d) Pupils in Years 12 and 13 whose parents have returned a signed permission slip, may use the Sixth Form bar. These pupils may also visit licensed premises in Sedbergh with their parents or guardian and a signed red card from their Housemaster/mistress.

Please see the alcohol & tobacco policy for more details.

3. Cars

- (a) Pupils may not keep or drive motor vehicles in or near Sedbergh. A pupil may drive their parents' car when they are visiting (and provided their parents are in the vehicle), but not around the School campus.

- (b) Hitch-hiking is not allowed and permission to use public transport or to be in any private vehicle must be obtained from the Housemaster / Housemistress.
- (c) Pupils over the age of 17 may undertake driving lessons or tests in free time with their Housemaster's / Housemistress's approval and written consent from their parents or guardian.

4. Sexual relationships

Physical sexual relationships between pupils are not permitted at any time.

5. Mobile Phones

- (a) Mobile phones should not be used in Chapel, Powell Hall or any school building during the school day.
- (b) Mobile phones should not be used whilst walking around the campus during the school day.
- (c) All mobile phones should be handed into Housemasters/Mistresses during prep.
- (d) All pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 are to hand in their phones at bedtime.

6. Other

- (a) Pupils may not eat or drink when walking around the School campus or when 'up town'. The immediate consumption of ice-cream is however acceptable. Chewing gum is forbidden.
- (b) Short cuts may not be taken across walls, railings, or fences. In no case may anyone walk across prepared grass sports pitches. The Country Courtesy Code should be carefully observed at all times.
- (c) All pupils are obliged to conform to the IT Acceptable Use Policy. All technology is to be used for legitimate purposes only.
- (d) Pupils are forbidden to use or possess any kind of offensive weapon or firework.
- (e) All forms of gambling are forbidden.