# A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Habits and Routines

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#### INTRODUCTION

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#### **DISCIPLINE**

- Latin root, meaning 'instruction, knowledge'
- A values-based approach where values are explicitly taught, shared and role modelled
- First at home, then reinforced in school

#### **DISCIPLINE**

- Inculcating strong values
- Imbuing a sense of personal responsibility
- Guiding students through a journey of self-discipline, graciousness, and kindness
- Building a culture of Respect
  - For Parents, Teachers, Peers

#### **POSITIVE DISCIPLINE**

- Starts with pre-emptive measures to build character through explicit teaching of good social behaviour, laying down expectations and managing misbehaviour.
- Guiding students learning self-control and responsibility for their speech and actions.

# START RIGHT: CLASSROOM

Punctual and ready.

Clean space.

Stand and greet.

Active participation.

# START RIGHT: HALLWAY

Line up quickly.

Move quietly in twos.

Do not change positions.

Do not push and shove.

# START RIGHT: RECESS:CANTEEN

Queue up.

Designated seating.

Wipe down.

Report to the Hall promptly.

# START RIGHT: PLAY@RECESS

Stay at designated areas.

Share.

Include.

Think of others.

# START RIGHT: HALL

Seated in orderly manner.

Read silently.

Ask for permission.

Pay attention to the mic.

# START RIGHT

Ask your child about Start Right

- Each day is approximately 5 hours packed with teaching and learning
- Beyond subject mastery, and perhaps more significant, school is where they hone their social interaction skills and build long-lasting peer relationships.
- Every day of school matters.

- School is about routines and schedules.
- Establish good habits and routines at home that support school attendance:
- packing own school bag
- laying out clothes
- bed time
- waking up

- Valid absences should be supported with a medical certificate from a doctor, or a parents' letter
- School will follow up with absences.
  Students with high rates of absenteeism may receive an adverse conduct grade.

- Punctuality.
  Seated by 7:40 am for morning assembly
- Regular late-comers will receive a letter of notice from the school.
   Recalcitrant late-comers may receive an adverse conduct grade.

#### **ATTIRE**

## School uniform

- Neatly and properly attired
- May not be altered
- White shoes, white socks covering ankles
- Name tags

#### **ATTIRE**

## For Girls

- Hair accessories must be either black or dark blue.
- Hair that reaches the uniform's collar must be tied up neatly.
- Only identical stud earrings are allowed.

#### **ATTIRE**

# For Boys

- Hair must be kept short and neat at the back and sides.
- Hairstyles like undercut are not permitted

### **USE OF MOBILE AND SMART DEVICES**

- Discouraged from bringing smart devices
- Responsible for own smart devices. The school will not be responsible for damaged or missing devices.
- Keep devices turned off during curriculum hours.
- Use after school, only at the canteen or the foyer.
- Limit screen time

# **PARTNERSHIP**

- Working together
- Keeping each other updated