



Usutu Forest School

Discipline Policy

Introduction

The majority of disciplining that takes place in school is informal, and happens in the classroom on a daily basis. This informal discipline is the foundation of a well-disciplined school, and, when it is effective, the need to use more formal disciplinary structures is reduced.

Guidelines

Each learner receives an A5 Discipline and Reward Book. This book continues on to the next Grade and as the pupil receives positive and negative cards they are pasted into the book. The positive cards include the Bronze, Silver and Gold Cards and they will continue from Grade to Grade. The negative cards include the Blue, Yellow and Red Cards. They are only valid per year and each learner begins with a clean slate at the beginning of each Grade. Both Positive and Offence Cards are applicable to circumstances related to the classroom, sports field and travelling on the buses and all school functions and events.

Level 1 Positive Card: (Bronze)

- Displays positive attributes and demonstrates school values in the classroom, on the sports field, at official functions and in public places.
- Obtaining between 60% – 69% average for Cycle Tests 1,2 and 3
- Academic Commitment and Progress in Grades 1, 2 and 3
- Bronze Cards will result in a Silver Card

Level 2 Positive Card: (Silver)

- As Above
- Obtaining between 70% - 79% for Cycle Tests 1,2 and 3
- Above Average Academic Commitment and Progress in Grades 1, 2 and 3
- Silver Cards will result in a Gold Card

Level 3 Positive Card: (Gold)

- As Above
- Obtaining between 80% - 100% average for Cycle Tests 1, 2 and 3
- Exceptional Academic Commitment and Progress in Grades 1, 2 and 3
- When a pupil achieves a Gold Card their names will appear in the Usutu Log, where they will be acknowledged and will receive a reward.

Level 1 Offence: (Blue Card)

- Incorrect earrings
- Hair not cut
- No hat
- Shirt not tucked in



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- Talking at line-up
- Homework not done
- "Everyday Book" not signed
- Any uniform related offence
- Inappropriate dress in public
- Missing extramural activities without an excuse
- Missing an interhouse activity after being selected
- Poor sportsmanship on the field
- Poor behaviour in the bathrooms
- Walking around the school instead of being at an extramural activity
- 5 Blue Cards will result in a Yellow Card

Level 2 Offence: (Yellow Card)

- Accumulation of 5 Blue Cards in one year
- Cheating in a test
- Swearing / Derogatory language
- Not attending an interschool activity after being selected
- Rudeness/Bad manners/Playground scuffles
- Bullying/Disrespect
- Lack of responsibility towards Academic Programme
- 5 Yellow Cards in one year will result in a Red Card
- A Yellow Card will be accompanied by a letter/phone call/meeting with parents

Level 3 Offence: (Red Card)

- Stealing
- Smoking on school premises
- Drinking on school premises
- Having consumed alcohol and then being on school premises
- Fighting
- Bringing a dangerous weapon to school
- The Red Card when issued will result in a Disciplinary Hearing which could lead to suspension or expulsion