



# SCHOOL REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

### Academic Work:

In keeping with the strong academic tradition of the College, a high standard of classwork and study in all subjects is required from every student. It is crucial that good study habits and skills are developed in First Year, as our students make the transition from primary to secondary school. The College Authorities recommend and expect 1½ hours, homework and study, per night for First Years rising to 3 hours minimum for Leaving Certificate students.

Homework is set each night and parents are asked to ensure that their son(s) record it in their Homework Journal and complete all of each day's homework. Each pupil must have the Terenure College Homework Journal which will be available free of charge from each Year Head.

While advice on choosing subjects for the Senior Cycle will be given by the Guidance Counsellor, the level (higher or ordinary) to be taken will depend on the reports of the Faculty Secretaries and subject teachers, based on each student's performance in the College Examinations.

The College disapproves of students taking on jobs during term-time. These jobs have a negative affect upon a student's ability to concentrate on schoolwork and his full participation in College life.

It is very important at this stage of his life that a student has a clear focus on being a schoolboy in Terenure College. The more involved he is, the easier it will be for him to focus on school and schoolwork. Most importantly of all, each student needs to adopt an attitude of being ready to start, from the moment he returns. Class work, homework and study must begin in a serious way from the very beginning of the school year. The boys must also be ready to take a full and active part in the life of the College.

### Conduct:

The highest standard of courtesy and good manners is expected from all students. Students must comply in full with the College's Code of Behaviour. The College Authorities cannot and will not tolerate provocative insubordination from students. If a student is deliberately provocative to teachers the student will go home from the College, once a phone call has been made. The College Authorities reserve the right to resign the charge of any student who consistently fails to co-operate with any teacher.

### Attendance:

Absences from school must be explained through the school app by a Parent/Guardian to the Year Head. **Please use the Absence Notes facility that is available on the school app.** No student may leave the school during class times without permission of their Year Head, Principal, Deputy Principal or Matron. No student has permission to leave the College grounds during the morning break. Students who arrive to school late or have permission to leave early must enter/exit the school through Reception and sign in/sign out through School Reception.

### Mobile Phones:

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones with them at any stage during the school day, including morning break or lunchtime. We recommend that students do not bring their mobile phones to school at all. **If it is absolutely necessary for your son to bring his mobile phone to school, it must be switched off and left in his locker (not in his pocket or bag) between 8.35 a.m. and 3.45 p.m.** The sanction for breach of this rule is **confiscation for a two-week period.** If necessary, Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can always contact their son(s) during the school day through the School Reception, between 8.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on 01 4997000 or 4904621. Students can also get permission during the school day to ring home, if necessary, through the School Reception.

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

Participation in games and other extra-curricular activities plays a very important part in the life and development of boys here. It is strongly recommended, and indeed expected, that all students take a full and active part in the life of the College according to their different gifts and talents. We believe that for a boy to be happy, healthy and successful in the College he should become totally involved in every aspect of College life. It is, after all, his school.

## Uniform:

It is School Policy to have a standard uniform, which is obligatory at all times.

Students are required to leave their house in the morning dressed in the full school uniform, which is appropriate for that day.

It is important to stress that your son is neat and tidy and properly presented for school everyday in terms of:

- wearing the correct school uniform (including the correct shoes);
- his hair being of natural colour, above the shirt collar and eyebrows, no extremes and of a generally accepted standard;
- being clean shaven;
- earrings, studs, etc. are not to be worn or brought into school.

The uniform is as follows:

### 1st to 3rd Years

Grey trousers  
Grey College V Neck Jumper (Crested)  
White Shirt, College Tie  
Black or Brown Shoes  
Crested College Jacket  
**For PE:** Crested College Sportswear

### 4th Year

Grey trousers  
Grey College V Neck Jumper (Crested)  
White Shirt, College Tie  
Black or Brown Shoes  
Crested College Jacket  
**For PE:** Crested College Sportswear

### 5th to 6th Years

Black Trousers  
Black College V Neck Jumper (Crested)  
White Shirt, College Tie  
Black or Brown Shoes  
**For PE:** Crested College Sportswear

**\* PE GEAR:** Full College PE Gear is now part of the school uniform for all years

- **1st to 3rd Year** should wear their full College PE Gear to school only on the days they have a double Wellbeing period and a double PE period.
- **4th, 5th and 6th Year** have a double period of PE once a week. Only on this day should they wear the full College PE Gear to school.

Students can wear their own jackets to and from school, but need to remove them once inside the school building. Alternatively, your son can also wear a **Terenure College Crested Top or Jacket** from the School Sports Shop.

Please note that **Black Runners, Canvas Shoes/Runners etc. are not acceptable as school shoes.**

The School Authorities are the judges of acceptable standards of dress and presentation.

## Health and Safety:

The Year Head and Matron should be informed in writing of any boy's illness or physical ailment which might affect his performance in class or should be noted by those taking extra-curricular activities. Tetanus Toxide injection is advised for all students.

**The increasing popularity of Vaping amongst teenagers and young people is a cause for concern for the College authorities. Smoking or the use of Vapes in any part of the school including the School Grounds is prohibited. It is a serious offence, which warrants serious sanctions.**

It is great to see so many students cycling to school. Please ensure that your son uses the bike racks beside the classrooms and locks his bike every day. The use of e-bikes and e-scooters has increased a lot recently. As you are aware, these vehicles can reach quite high speeds and are a safety concern. **Please note that, under new legislation, e-scooter users must be over 16 and obey a speed limit of 20kms an hour.** Both e-scooters and e-bikes are not allowed to be used on footpaths and they cannot carry passengers. Parents are asked to see that students with bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters have helmets and wear them, along with the correct reflective lighting, to keep them safe at all times.

Students who are not qualified drivers may not drive into the school grounds. Students who do drive into school must park in the School Yard. Please note, that 5th and 6th year students are not allowed to drive out of the school during lunchtime. The College Authorities reserve the right to withdraw a student's permission to bring a vehicle into the College grounds.

### **Property:**

The College Management accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to student's property. Names on books or clothing should be clearly marked. **It is inadvisable to bring into school valuable and sentimental items.** There is a Lost Property area outside each Year Head's Office and in the Gym so that students can check for lost items at the end of each school day.

Chewing Gum is forbidden in all areas of the College.

### **Lunchtime:**

**First, Second, Third and Fourth Years are not permitted to leave school at lunchtime.** Fifth and Sixth Years are generally allowed out at lunchtime. If parents (of students in these years) do not want their son to leave the College Grounds at lunchtime they are asked to state this in writing, otherwise parental consent is presumed.

Leaving school at lunchtime can be a cause for concern. It is impractical for the College to monitor students' behaviour when outside the school grounds at lunchtime. The responsibility for the behaviour of the students therefore falls upon the individual student and his parents. Please note that 5th and 6th Year students, who drive to school, are not allowed to drive out of the College grounds at lunchtime.

With this in mind, parents are asked to remind their son(s) about the need for good citizenship if out and about at lunchtime, particularly in relation to road safety, littering and congregating in a manner that may block thoroughfares and shop entrances. Parents are reminded that permission to leave the College at lunchtime may be withdrawn by the College Authorities.

We would like to advise students that **Bushy Park, the Rugby Club and the Lake Area** are out of bounds during school time.

### **Conclusion:**

These School Regulations and Guidelines are a very important part of the framework of daily life in the College. We expect the highest standard of behaviour from all of our students during all school activities, both inside and outside of the College. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and students are reminded that the College 'Code of Behaviour' applies to all school activities, including all of our extra-curricular activities, both on and off the school campus. A copy of our 'Code of Behaviour' can be found on our website and on the school app.



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