

# Brownedge St Mary's



**BROWNEGGE ST MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
*'Let your light shine'*

**“If we love others, we live in the light.”**

At Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School, we believe every pupil should **let their light shine**, achieve their best and grow into respectful, confident, and kind young people. We want you to succeed, feel proud of who you are, and learn in a calm and happy environment.

Our school is built on **Gospel Values: Kindness, Hope, Courage, Justice, and Patience**. These values guide how we behave, learn, and treat one another.

## What We Expect from Everyone

1. **Respect:** Treat everyone with kindness and dignity.
2. **Positive Choices:** Use your words and actions to create a safe and peaceful school for all.
3. **Pride:** Wear your uniform with pride and show that you belong to a great school.
4. **Preparedness:** Arrive on time with everything you need for learning.
5. **Responsibility:** Follow rules, whether in school, online, or on the way to and from school.

## Rewards for Positive Behaviour

We believe in **praising good behaviour**. When you follow the rules, try your best, and show our Gospel Values, you can earn:

- Positive points.
- Certificates, postcards and badges.
- Access to rewards trips.
- Regular daily, weekly, monthly rewards such as Weekly Wonders and Early Lunch passes.
- End of term celebrations.

## Dealing with Problems

Sometimes, mistakes happen. That's okay—mistakes are part of learning. If behaviour doesn't meet expectations:

- **We'll talk it through:** You will have a restorative conversation to fix things and learn from the situation, reflect upon our behaviours and choices and set targets for improvement. This may include intervention sessions and education programmes.
- **Sanctions:** Depending on the issue, you might get a detention or other consequences to help you reflect and grow. This is part of the learning processes and teaching you what are good behaviour and choices.

## **School Rules**

These rules help everyone feel safe, respected, and ready to learn:

1. Be kind and respectful to everyone.
2. Listen to adults and follow instructions.
3. Always try your best in lessons.
4. Wear your uniform correctly and with pride.
5. Keep phones handed in during the school day.
6. No chewing gum, extreme hairstyles, or wearing makeup or jewellery.
7. Move around school calmly and sensibly.
8. Keep the school tidy—put litter in bins.
9. Eat only in designated areas.
10. Travel to and from school responsibly and safely.

### **Why No Phones in School?**

Research shows that phones can distract you and stop you from learning effectively. That's why we ask you to hand in your phone at registration. If you don't follow this rule, your phone will be confiscated, and we'll involve your parents.

### **Why do we have school rules and a behaviour policy?**

Because we care. We are bothered about you. We care about helping you on your way to a successful life post Brownedge. We care about your lifelong learning, helping you become good citizens participating in the adult world.

### **What happens if you don't follow sanctions and engage in the support put in place to help you make good choices?**

If you are sanctioned for poor behaviour, it is because we won't everyone to be safe, happy and able to learn, and your actions have hindered this for yourself or others. Sanctions are in place to teach good behaviours. They will be fair and appropriate. If you don't complete sanctions, then further sanctions will be put in place. This may include increased detention time, time in the POD and suspensions.

### **School can sanction if;**

- Pupils are outside of school but in uniform
- Pupils are not in uniform, outside of school if they hurt physically or emotionally, another member of the school family including on trips and online
- Pupils are present, recording, encouraging or a bystander of a wrongdoing. This is Joint Enterprise

### **Growing Together in God's Love**

At Brownedge St Mary's, we're here to support you as you grow into the amazing person you're meant to be. By following these rules, you'll gain the skills, habits, and character to succeed in school—and beyond!

Let's **shine our light** together. 🌟

Here's the text summarised into **10 key pupil-friendly points**:

1. **Aim High:** We want every pupil to achieve their best, let their light shine, and grow as confident, respectful individuals.
2. **Gospel Values:** We live by **Kindness, Hope, Courage, Justice, and Patience**. These guide how we act and treat others.
3. **Respect and Dignity:** Treat everyone kindly, respect their right to learn, and help create a calm and happy school environment.
4. **Be Ready to Learn:** Arrive on time with everything you need and wear your uniform properly and with pride.
5. **Positive Behaviour:** Good behaviour is rewarded with house points, certificates, privileges, and recognition.
6. **Making Mistakes:** If things go wrong, we'll help you learn and grow through restorative conversations, reflection, or appropriate sanctions.
7. **School Rules:** Follow basic rules like moving calmly, keeping the school tidy, and eating in the right places.
8. **No Phones:** Hand your phone in during the day. Keeping phones away helps everyone focus and learn better.
9. **Look Smart:** Extreme hairstyles, makeup, jewellery, and non-uniform items (like hoodies) aren't allowed.
10. **Be Kind Online and in School:** Whether at school or on social media, always act responsibly and never harm or bully others.

These points help us all grow together and ensure our school is a place where everyone can shine! ✨