## Bishop Wordsworth's School



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Dear Parents/Guardians

## SCHOOL RULES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATE

The school rules are at Annex C to the Behaviour and Discipline Policy and governors have agreed with my recommendation that when they apply 'outside the School Gate' should be more closely defined as allowed by the legislation and in line with Bishop's custom and practice.

At Paragraph 5 of the Policy the school rules were defined as applying as follows:

School Rules (at Annex C) and Codes of Conduct apply at all times when pupils are involved in School activities, whether on the School site or on School trips. They also apply on the way to or from School or near the School premises.

The legislation allows schools discretion as to whether and by how much the school rules may apply 'outside the School Gate'. Therefore, when they apply has been clarified in Paragraph 1 of the Rules at Annex C as follows:

The rules which follow set out the code of conduct pupils are expected to follow during school activities including travel between activities, when travelling between home and the School and at any time when in school uniform or otherwise identifiable as a pupil of the School. They also apply at any time when bad behaviour could have repercussions for the orderly running of the School, poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or could adversely affect the reputation of the School.

As this wording is a copy of Department for Education advice, I think parents will agree that this is entirely reasonable to protect and enhance the good name of the School.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood Head Master