

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL SPORTS FIXTURES

Games are played in Bangor Grammar School for the enjoyment of the boys, to instil values and develop sporting skills.

Matches and competitions are enjoyed by parents and families, whose enthusiasm, encouragement and involvement are vital, welcomed and appreciated by the School. Good natured, vocal and positive support from spectators is important to players and helps to develop a deeper sense of the wider School Community.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that the presence of parents at matches or competitions serves to support the School's educational objectives and values, enhances the true spirit of the sport or game and encourages robust, fair and courteous competition.

Generally, we ask you to

- encourage your son always to play fairly and in accordance with the laws or rules of the game;
- help your son to understand that honest endeavour is as important as winning;
- encourage him to accept the final result with magnanimity, generosity of spirit and grace;
- encourage him to recognise the importance of hard work in the development of his skills;
- enable him to understand the responsibility he bears as a member of a team for his fellow players;
- help him to appreciate the voluntary contribution made to his sport by teachers, coaches, referees and umpires.

At a match or competition, we ask you to

- set a good example by applauding good play on both sides;
- support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the sport as a whole.

We also ask you

- never to ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or for losing, but offer only positive and constructive encouragement;
- not to place an emphasis on winning at all costs;
- never to direct a negative, critical or mocking comment at a member of the opposing team;
- never to use audibly profane or obscene language or any language which is inappropriate in a school context;
- never publicly to question the judgement or integrity of the referee or umpire during or after a match;
- never to harass or criticise teachers, coaches, referees or umpires before, during or after a match;
- never, in any circumstances, to enter upon the field of play to interfere with the game or the players.

