

## WHOLE SCHOOL RULES

Here at Blessed Robert Widmerpool, we aim to create a **happy and secure environment** where our children can reach their potential. We encourage our children to be responsible for their own actions, and a culture of **independence and respect** is fostered through the **Catholic Life** that underpins our school. Our school mission statement inspires us in all that we do:



*"We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn."*

We encourage our children to be **guardians** of our mission statement, living out Jesus' example in our actions and our words. To guide us in this every day, we have our whole school virtues:

### Whole School Virtues

- Show **love** and **respect** for everyone
- Be the **best** version of you
- Take care of our **environment**
- **Move calmly** around school
- Wear our **uniform** with **pride**



The children at BRW share our **high-expectations** and know that we come to school to learn in every way. We believe that it is their **right** to learn as well as their **responsibility** to support others in doing the same. Following our whole school rules helps us to make sure this happens!

## BUILDING LEARNING POWER - OUR VALUES

Something else that helps our children to reach their potential is their 'Behaviour for Learning'. We encourage them to build their learning power and become 'learners for life' by promoting a **positive social climate** within school, where children feel **confident and safe** enough to participate actively in their learning.

We build this learning power not only by promoting our famous five Rs:

- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Resourcefulness
- Relationships
- Reflectiveness

...but also using the acronym **SLANT**!

# SLANT

**SLANT** stands for five important actions when learning:

- S** **SIT UP:** **Shoulders back. Strong spine.** Eyes forward. Prepare to listen.
- L** **LISTEN:** Clear desks of distractions. Nothing in hands. Hand on the desk
- A** **ASK and ANSWER QUESTIONS:** In **FULL** sentences.
- N** **NOD HEAD:** Showing the speaker you are listening and understanding.
- T** **TRACK the SPEAKER:** Your eyes and bodies follow the speaker as they move around the room. Adults **AND** peers!

In class, in the lunch hall, in the corridors, on the playground, in assemblies...we use our radar to show 100% **SLANT**!

But why?

- **SLANT** provides us with positive **habits of attention** that help us learn!
- By following **SLANT**, our attention improves, which means **we learn more**.
- **SLANT** shows that we **respect and value the person** who is speaking, and doing this...
- ...makes others feel **safe, comfortable and confident** to share the learning and their ideas!

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Just as we do in school, encourage your child to 'show their **SLANT**' whenever they are interacting with others or learning at home! Our 'Whole School Rules' can also be adapted for use at home!