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Ready to Learn (RTL) is a whole school behaviour and learning system which covers all aspects of school life. Its aims are to eliminate disruptive behaviour; provide clarity to staff and students about acceptable behaviour; encourage students to take responsibility for their actions and enable staff to deliver engaging, creative and experimental lessons.

Rules During Lessons

All students at Castle have the right to learn without disruption. We expect students to follow these rules:

- ◆ Arrive on time.
- ◆ Sit where you are told.
- ◆ Show you are ready to learn.
- ◆ Listen respectfully when others are talking.
- ◆ Keep off-task conversations for social times.
- ◆ Work in silence when an adult asks you to.
- ◆ Allow others to learn.
- ◆ Don't eat or drink (only water is allowed).
- ◆ Speak to others with respect.
- ◆ Arrive equipped.

Rules Around School

At Castle, we expect everyone to behave with respect at all times. That means walking around the school calmly and quietly, respecting each other's space and looking out for each other.



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Students Who Break The Rules

If a student breaks a learning rule, they will be given a clear warning by a member of staff and their name will be written on the board. If any further rule is broken, the student will be asked to make their way to the Ready to Learn Isolation Room. Students will stay in isolation for 5 lessons, and an hour after school; they will be expected to work during their time in isolation. Parents and carers will be contacted by the Student Team to confirm that the student will be required to stay for an after-school detention for 1 hour.

Students who refuse to go to the Ready to Learn Isolation Room or who continue to cause disruption in isolation, will be excluded from school. Parents and carers will be required to attend a post-exclusion meeting. Students will then need to complete a successful day in the Ready to Learn Isolation Room before re-joining the school community.

Students who fail to behave in a sociable and respectful manner around the school and during social times will be referred for a 20 minute lunchtime detention. Any student failing to attend this detention will be issued with a 1 hour after school detention. Failure to attend this will result in the student attending the Ready to Learn Isolation Room.

Students with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities

The RTL system applies to all students at Castle School. However, we recognise that students with diagnosed additional learning needs may need a 'reasonable adjustment' to the RTL system.



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The Student Centre

The Student Centre Team lead on all aspects of student care, guidance, behaviour, attendance, child protection and student well being and are highly skilled in supporting students experiencing any difficulties that affect their learning and progress.

The Student Centre also provides first aid and help with lost property.

Would you like to hear more about Ready to Learn?

If you have questions about the RTL system or would like to discuss your child's particular needs with Mrs Howell, Deputy Headteacher, you may wish to attend one of our informal information sessions.

These are being run in the Resource Centre on **Monday 22 May** at the following times:

- ◆ **2:00pm**
- ◆ **6:30pm**

Please contact **Joy Irwin** to confirm which session you will be attending on **01454 862129**. Alternatively, you may email: joy.irwin@thecastleschool.org.uk.

For more information

The School's behaviour policy, including more details about Ready to Learn, is available on the school website at:

www.thecastleschool.org.uk