Lapwing

**Student code of conduct**

This policy sets out the standards of conduct that we require of our students.

As a member of the Lapwing community we expect students to:

* Attend all sessions on time unless you are ill or there are exceptional circumstances
* Always try your best in all your activities
* Take responsibility for your own work as much as possible
* Not smoke/vape or consume alcohol or illegal substances before or during Lapwing sessions
* Use your mobile phone or other electronic device with respect and consideration for others and only at agreed times with Lapwing staff
* Always respect the wishes of others including their property
* Use the internet appropriately when permitted and avoid social networks during Lapwing sessions
* Avoid use of inappropriate or offensive language during Lapwing sessions
* Dress appropriately for the weather and the activity you are taking part in
* Feel comfortable and confident in asking for help
* Do your best to look after your own safety and your wellbeing as well as following safety instructions
* Make the best use of your time at Lapwing to be successful and reach your goals

We expect you to respect other people and not to participate in any form of abuse including bullying.

**What is bullying?** Bullying may be evident in the form of one or more of the following:

* Physical: hitting, kicking, pushing
* Emotional: tormenting, being unfriendly, excluding someone, threatening gestures
* Verbal: name calling, insulting, insulting remarks
* Cyber or social media bullying
* Racist: racial taunts, gestures
* Sexual: unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments or messages
* Homophobic: because of, or focussing on the issue of sexuality
* Any unfavourable or negative comments, gestures or actions made to someone relating to their disability or special educational need

**What bullying is NOT.** To deal with allegations of bullying successfully and appropriately we believe it is important to understand what doesn’t constitute bullying. Examples would be:

* Rough play
* Falling out with friends (often they make-up)
* Accidental injury
* Loss of temper during playtime games
* One-off arguments (or even fights)