# Regulations for rules of order and conduct in the before and afterschool program (SFO) in Drammen municipality

Established by the Main committee for upbringing and education in Drammen municipality on 2 June 2021 in accordance with Section 9A-10 of Act 17.07.1998 No. 61 relating to Primary and Secondary Education and Training (the Education Act).

### § 1 Purpose

The rules shall contribute to children in SFO having a safe and good environment that promotes health, well-being and learning.

The rules shall contribute to the children treating each other and the employees of SFO with respect and tolerance, and that they take shared responsibility for a safe and good environment.

### § 2 Scope

The rules apply to the SFO in Drammen municipality.

The rules apply during the time the children are at SFO, i.e. both in

SFO's own area, in digital arenas or on trips or other activities.

The rules also apply to and from SFO.

#### § 3 Consideration of the best interests of the pupil and the pupils' right to be heard

In all cases processed pursuant to these rules, consideration of the best interests of the child shall be a fundamental consideration. The SFO shall safeguard the child's right to be heard in all matters concerning the child.

#### § 4 Rules of order and conduct

The child shall:

- contribute to it being safe for everyone to be at SFO
- not expose others to bullying or other offensive words and actions
- speak to each other with respect
- show consideration and respect for other children and employees regardless of gender, nationality, religion, functional ability, orientation, etc.
- take shared responsibility for keeping the SFO's indoor and outdoor area clean and tidy
- show respect for the belongings of SFO and others
- follow messages from all employees at SFO
- follow the school's rules for the use of mobile phones, computer equipment, etc.
- not bring or use dangerous objects or objects that interfere with activities
- remain within the area of SFO
- not wear clothing that partly or fully covers the face, cf. further provisions on this in Section 9-7 of the Education Act
- not use or bring tobacco, snuff or other drugs on the school's area

# § 5 Reactions in case of violation of rules of order and conduct

In case of violation of the rules of order and conduct, the following reactions can be used:

- Conversation with an adult
- Oral or written notification to parents/guardians
- If the conduct of a child seriously affects the safety and play of one or more children, the child may be taken out of the activity
- Order to restore or repair damage for which the child is responsible

 Confiscation of objects that are not accepted pursuant to the school's Regulations for rules of order

There should be proportionality between the violation and reaction. When choosing a reaction, special emphasis should be placed on the pupil's age and maturity.

There is a ban on physical punishment and offensive language. Collective punishment is not allowed.

#### § 6 Case processing rules for the use of reactions

Before a decision is made regarding reaction, the child is entitled to information about how SFO sees the violation and how SFO intends to handle it.

The child is entitled to explain himself or herself orally to the person who is to make the decision. The child is entitled to express his or her views in line with age and maturity. The SFO shall ensure that the situation is experienced as safe for the child.

The child's parents/guardians shall, as far as is appropriate and in the best interests of the child, be notified before SFO decides on an intrusive reaction.

The head teacher shall make decisions regarding the use of reactions. The employees of SFO shall make decisions regarding the use of reactions within the framework of what the head teacher has delegated.

#### § 7 Liability for damages

In the event of damage to SFO's property or equipment, the child and/or the child's parents/guardians may be held liable for damages in the event of negligence or intent.

The child can be given the opportunity to repair the damage himself or herself if it is deemed appropriate.

#### § 8 Report of criminal offenses

Criminal offenses shall, as a general rule, be reported to the police.

## § 9 Supplementary rules of order and conduct in the individual SFO

The individual SFO may adopt supplementary rules of order and conduct that are adapted to local conditions at the individual SFO. The individual SFO cannot adopt its own rules regarding reactions.

In the event of any conflict, the rules of order override the individual SFO's own rules.

#### § 10 Entry into force

These Regulations enter into force on 1 August 2021. At the same time, the following regulations are repealed: Regulations of 01.01.2017 (with amendments of 12.12.2019) for rules of order in the former Svelvik municipality, Regulations of 24.04.2017 (with amendments of 12.12.2019) for rules of order in the former Drammen municipality, and Regulations of 17.06.2015 (with amendments of 01.07.2019) for rules of order in the former Nedre Eiker municipality.