The British Beekeepers' Association

Model rules of the apiary

Panshanger Primary School





- 1. *Clean* bee suits, gloves and Wellingtons must be worn. Beekeepers must put on their suits away from the apiary and be fully suited before entry to the apiary.
- 2. Suits shall be put away neatly after use or, if dirty sent away to be laundered.
- 3. No rubbish/debris to be left on site. This includes wax and hive debris. This should be removed and disposed of responsibly.
- 4. Bee smokers must be kept under control at all times and only used for their intended purpose. Smokers must be fully extinguished, emptied and cooled before storing away.
- 5. Hive tools, smokers and other tools shall be cleaned and sterilised after use.
- 6. No running or fooling around whilst in the apiary. Everyone must behave sensibly and calmly around the hives at all times. No sudden movements or shouting.
- 7. After each inspection, the colony record shall be written up immediately in the apiary record book.
- 8. Whilst in the apiary, all beekeepers shall listen and act on the instructions of the apiary leader. Anyone messing around will be asked to go back inside.
- 9. Never bump the hives. Move from hive to hive as quietly and as smoothly as possible. Do not stand in front of the hive and approach from the back or side of the hive.
- 10. Keep the apiary clean and tidy at all times and care for the bees and the environment.
- 11. Gloves, depending on type must be cleaned or disposed of properly.
- 12. Anyone who gets stung must leave the immediate area of the hives with a member of staff and receive first aid treatment for the sting.

Enjoy your Beekeeping and LOVE YOUR BEES