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PARENTS/CARERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

Staff, parents/carers and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Guidance

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect our school values and our caring ethos.
- Understand that both teachers and parents/carers need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Ensure children arrive at school on time and are picked up from school on time.
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including team matches.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper (anger).
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.

- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication will not be tolerated and will result in a letter being sent by the Headteacher to clearly outline school expectations.
- Parents/Carers will be asked to attend a meeting with the Headteacher /Chair of Governors to discuss their conduct and the resulting action.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/carers/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social media sites. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors (in writing), so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Smoking/vaping and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

Unacceptable behaviour may result in the Police being informed.

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to abuse.

School premises are private property and parents/carers have been granted permission from the school to be on school premises. However, in case of abuse or threats to staff, pupils or other parents/carers, the school may ban parents/carers from entering school.

It is also an offence under section 547 of the Education Act 1997 for any person (including a parent) to cause a nuisance or disturbance on school premises. The police may be called to assist in removing the person concerned.

School is not responsible for organising arrangements for children in the above circumstances.

Parents/carers will need to provide alternative arrangements for bringing children into school.

Parents/carers have the right of appeal by writing to the Chair of Governors within ten days of permission to enter the school premises being withdrawn.

Also refer to:

Policy for the Managing of Serial and Unreasonable Complaints 2020-2024