

St Cuthbert's RC Primary School

Code of Conduct for Parents



St Cuthbert's RC Primary School's Parent Code of Conduct Policy

At St Cuthbert's RC Primary School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our 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.

Children's safeguarding is our schools utmost priority and everything we put in place is to ensure that. All parents are welcome in school at pre-arranged times, family events and at the many weekly events in school. Before school is a busy time for staff, as they are preparing for the day ahead but if you have anything you wish to discuss with the teacher, they will happily see you or receive a call before 8.50am. If it is urgent, do not hesitate to speak to the office staff and any messages will be passed on.

If Parents wish to come into school or see a member of staff, please do so by coming round to the main office **not** through the side classroom doors. It is essential that all visitors to the school sign into the visitor management system at the main entrance for both safeguarding and fire regulations.

Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we ask parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring ethos of our school
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- 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 your own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Ensure children are only accessing age appropriate material. Be aware that many social media sites and applications have age restrictions.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to reprimand children's behaviour.

In order to support the continuing peaceful and safe school environment that we have here, we cannot accept parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes 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 or displaying temper.
- 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 emails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites including our school blog (see below). 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, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- Parents should not upload any photos/videos involving any other children other than their own to any sites e.g. Facebook, you tube.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or reprimand them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may feel it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, even ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.

Inappropriate use of Social Network Site

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of St Cuthbert's RC Primary School considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to

the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated in St Cuthbert's RC Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, actions will have to be taken. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will expect the parent/carer or pupil to remove such comments.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyberbullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

We would expect that parents would make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.

Please sign and return this slip to the school office to acknowledge that you have read and understand the above policy.

Name of Child: Year Group.....

Signed Parent / Guardian

Print name.....

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