



St John's C. of E. Primary School, Gosport

Parent Code of Conduct

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This policy should be read in conjunction with the Parental Communication Policy September 2022

Statement

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school community about their expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding, whilst ensuring all children at St John's C of E Primary School remain happy, confident and successful.

The school expects parents and carers to:

- Respect the caring ethos of the school
- Understand that parents and teachers need to work together for the benefit of the children.
- Demonstrate in their own behaviour that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and understand that even if there is conflict due to a member of staff's oversight, parents must remain calm and respectful
- Approach school staff to help resolve issues
- Work with the school to build relationships with its staff
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the schools' view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Correct their own child's behaviour, especially where it could lead to conflict
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school does not tolerate:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office or other area of school grounds
- Loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, governor, visitor, parent/ carer or pupil
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication to the school or other parents
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the

- pupils/parents/staff at the school on Facebook or other social media sites
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physically punishing your own child on school premises
 - Chastising someone else's child
 - Smoking or consuming drugs or alcohol whilst on school property
 - Bringing dogs on to school premises

If any of these behaviours occur the school may contact the appropriate authorities and, if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering school grounds.

Social Network Sites

Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff/governors at the school on Facebook or other social sites will be dealt with immediately.

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 such cases other parents/ pupils. The Governors of St John's C of E 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 about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so that 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 at St John's C of E Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments/ material immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites, including reporting incidents to the Police. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take action 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 code of conduct.