

NUNNERY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
‘Learning and Growing Together’
PARENT, CARER AND VISITOR CODE OF CONDUCT

At Nunnery Wood Primary School, we are very fortunate to have very supportive and friendly parents and we are proud that we are community school that supports the needs of all children.

Our parents recognise that educating and nurturing children is at the heart of everything we do and is a process that involves a partnership between home and school. We all recognise and understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school and recognise that staff, children and parents need to work together to enable this to happen.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parent and visitors to our school about expected conduct so that we can work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children.

RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS AND THEIR RIGHTS

This guidance supports implementation of the Home-School Agreement as all our staff and children are required to treat each other with dignity and respect by acting in accordance with our values.

Therefore we expect parents and carers to show respect and concern for others by:-

- supporting the respectful ethos of our school by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community;
- working together with teachers for the benefit of children. This includes approaching the school to resolve any issues of concern and to discuss and clarify specific events in order to bring about a positive solution;
- reinforcing the school’s policy on Behaviour;
- respecting the learning environment appropriately (both in school and off site);
- parking with consideration and respect for others when delivering and collecting children from school;
- acting as role models alongside school staff.

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

- disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, an office area or any other part of the school grounds;
- using loud and/or offensive language or displaying temper;
- threatening harm or the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes approaching someone else’s child in order to discuss or chastise them and physical punishment against your own child on school premises. (Some actions may constitute an assault with legal consequences.);
- damaging or destroying school property;
- abusive, threatening, malicious or inflammatory emails, phone or social network messages;

- smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs or accessing the school site whilst intoxicated.

The above behaviours on school premises will be reported to the appropriate authorities and Governors may prohibit an offending adult from entering the school grounds to safeguard our school community.

PARENT, CARER AND VISITOR CODE OF CONDUCT with regards to SOCIAL MEDIA.

Comments from parents on social media can be inaccurate, defamatory or even abusive. We encourage all parents who have concerns to contact the school via the school office.

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- Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils.

Nunnery Wood 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 at Nunnery Wood Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, and / or making slanderous comments regarding the school, it's staff, governors and / or pupils, 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 contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.
- 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 cyber bullying and the use by any member of the school community to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying and encourage all staff to report any incidents.

We trust that parents, carers and visitors will fully support this Code of Conduct as all children, staff and parents have the right to be treated with:-

- **Fairness:** we will act fairly, be transparent and treat people equally
- **Respect:** we will be respectful in all that we do
- **Person-centred:** we will put children and people at the heart of everything we do
- **Integrity:** we will be impartial and act to improve our education for all learners.

Nunnery Wood Primary School should be a 'safe environment' for all its pupils, staff, parent, carers and visitors and we pride ourselves on the ability to maintain this strength. We will not tolerate behaviour from anyone who may jeopardise our ethos and our community spirit. We all have the right to be treated fairly and equally.