



Sherborne C of E Primary School – Parent and Carer Code of Conduct

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Monitoring and Evaluation

The Headteacher is responsible for updating this policy in line with any new developments in the school and new government guidance.

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At Sherborne C of E Primary School we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers. Parents are involved in all levels of the school, from taking up formal roles in governance to helping clear the playground of snow during the winter. Our parents and carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school 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 and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for parents, carers and visitors to the school about expected conduct so that we can work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children.

PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

- support the respectful ethos of our school by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school and local community;
- work together with teachers for the benefit of the 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;
- reinforce the school's policy on Behaviour;
- park with consideration and respect for others (parents and carers are expected to park in the Sherborne Social Club car park)

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;
- damaging or destroying school property;
- abusive, threatening, malicious or inflammatory emails, phone calls or social network messages;
- defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents, carers or staff at the school. This includes malicious gossip in the playground and comments made using social media.

- smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on or near school property.

Parents and carers who demonstrate any of the above behaviours on school premises will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Depending on the nature of this behaviour, further action may be taken, such as to only permit conversations with staff where a second member of staff is present. In exceptional circumstances, an offending adult may be prohibited from entering the school grounds in order to safeguard the school community.

Occasionally, parents and carers may need to raise a concern with the school. This must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking with the class teacher, Headteacher and chair of governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

See also: Complaint Policy

Appendix 1 – Social Network Sites

Sherborne C of E Primary School considers it unacceptable to use social network sites in order to post offensive, threatening or damaging comments about the school, a pupil, another parent/carer or staff.

In the event of any posting of libellous or defamatory comments on social network sites, the individual 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 such posting is removed immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider referring the matter to the police and/or obtaining legal advice.