



Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct Policy

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Frequency: 3 Years

Signed: _____ (HT)

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At Alma 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 a partnership between parents, staff and the whole school community. As part of that partnership our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship in order to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

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

Guidance

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- 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.
- Listen to both a child's version of events and the school's view in order to help bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct their own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.

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, office or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threatening to harm a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications.
- Defamation of the school or staff character on Facebook or other social networking sites.
- Using physical or verbal 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 their actions towards your own child/ren.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs.

The Headteacher is expected by the Governing Body of the school to be responsible for the wellbeing of the whole school community, pupils, staff and visitors included. Staff, pupils and other parents and visitors must not be exposed to unacceptable behaviour from any visitor to the school no matter how frustrated or upset they may be. Should any of the above behaviours occur on school premises the Headteacher will take whatever action is necessary to prevent it happening again. This may include making special arrangements for meetings and communication with the school, considering a ban from the school premises or considering legal action.

We trust that parents and carers will help in implementing this policy and we thank you for your continuing support.