



LEES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Code of Conduct For Parents Policy

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Educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents 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 guidance to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct and is an addition to the Code of Conduct Policy we have in place for staff. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

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Guidance

We expect 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 own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern, following the agreed complaints procedure
- Not to expect school to be involved with admonishing their child or taking away privileges to punish a child for behaviour out of school (eg doing something wrong at home)

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 smooth running of the school and its premises
- Using loud, threatening or offensive language
- Displaying behaviours which exhibit anger or temper
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff at the school on Facebook or other social sites. (See Next section)
- The use of physical aggression towards another child or adult
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of their child **in school**. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences)
- Smoking on school property
- Dogs being brought onto the school premises and grounds or being tied to the school railings where children are walking past and may be afraid or hurt.

Please be aware that any of the above behaviours may result in school taking further action; this may include:

- Parents will be asked to leave the premises

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- A warning letter will be issued, a copy of which will be kept on file in school
- Parents may be excluded from the premises and/or grounds
- In extreme cases, the school may have to call the police

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

Inappropriate Use of Social Network Sites

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 Lees 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, 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 Lees 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 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 a 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.

Governors have a responsibility to the well-being of the school staff. Parents should be aware that comments about school on social network sites can lead to unacceptable levels of stress and may affect the member of staff's personal life.