



Parent and Guardian Code of Conduct

At St. James' C. of E. Primary 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, class teachers and the 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. We welcome and encourage parents and guardians to participate fully in the life of the school.

This code is a reminder to all parents, guardians and visitors to our school about their elected conduct so we can continue to enable children to flourish and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Guidance

We expect parents, guardians, 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.
- 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 their own child's behaviour especially in public where it would otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues or concerns.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school cannot tolerate parents, guardians and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, office or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing or displaying temper.

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- Threatening to harm a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/guardian or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Defamation of the school or staff character on Facebook or other social networking sites.
- Sending abusive/threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications.
- Refusal to comply with school policies and procedures.
- Persistent harassment of school staff.
- The use of physical 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 child/ren.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs.
- Dogs being brought onto school premises.

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