



Rushall Primary School

*Where every child sky rockets!*

# Parents & Carers Code of Conduct

(Including our Home School Agreement)

## September 2017

Please read, keep and return the back sheet  
to school – Thank you.

# Parents and Carers Code of Conduct

## **Rationale**

Rushall Primary School is a welcoming, supportive and inclusive school. We are proud of our good reputation and we depend on the entire school community to help us maintain this and improve our children's learning.

We are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will 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 Code of Conduct is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct to ensure a safe and positive school environment, rooted in mutual respect and understanding, is achieved and maintained.

## **Guidance**

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement (Appendix 1), 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 behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school will not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including sporting events.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.

- 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/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites (see Appendix 2). Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- 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 the actions of this child towards their own child. Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences.
- Smoking (including e-cigarettes) and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Bringing dogs on to school premises.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may feel it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, even ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

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

## **Appendix 1 - Home School Agreement**

### **School will:**

- Provide a broad and balanced education.
- Help every child make the most of their schooling, whatever their ability.
- Aim to give your child a positive and enjoyable experience of school so that they see their education as a positive and essential part of their lives.
- Provide a stimulating, caring and safe environment.
- Help children learn the importance of working well with each other and to value the contribution made by every member of the school community.
- Keep you updated about your child's progress.
- Provide a written report at the end of every term (three times a year in total).
- Arrange parent consultation evenings which will be held at least twice every school year allowing you the chance to talk to your child's teacher.
- Aim to see you within three days of you making an appointment.
- Keep you informed, with adequate notice about dates for important events.

### **Parents/carers:**

- I will ensure my child attends school regularly and arrives ready for a punctual start to the school day to avoid disruption to their own learning and that of the entire class. I understand that this is the law.
- I also understand that I do not have a right to take my child on holiday during term time and that where this is unavoidable, permission for leave of absence must be requested in advance and agreed by the school.
- I will support the school's Behaviour Policy which helps effective learning to take place.
- I will ensure that my child has the correct equipment in school each day, e.g. glasses if needed, reading books, book bags, P.E. and swimming kits, etc.
- I will try to ensure my child has adequate sleep and arrives at school clean and appropriately dressed in our school uniform.
- I will support and encourage my child to do any homework set and give any help needed.
- I will monitor my child's use of the internet/mobile phone and take action if they are using it inappropriately.
- I will let school know if there is anything happening at home that may affect my child at school.

### **Pupils:**

- I will work hard
- I will follow the schools Golden Rules
- I will be kind, considerate and respectful towards other children at all times including in the playground.
- I will try to complete any homework set and return it to school in good condition.

## **Appendix 2 - Inappropriate use of Social Network Sites**

Nationally 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 Rushall 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, a member of the Senior Leadership Team 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 Rushall 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 and to Walsall Council's Legal Team. 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 one 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.

**Please return this page to school:**

We would expect that parents/carers would make all persons responsible for collecting their children aware of this policy.

Please keep this copy of the policy. We will aim to send a new copy out at the start of each new school year.

By signing and returning this page to the school office, you are acknowledging that you have read and understand the above policy.

Signed ..... Parent / Guardian

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Parent / Guardian of (include all children): .....

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