



## Bellfield Infant School Parent Code of Conduct

**In this policy we explain what our expectations of parents and carers are and how we intend to manage the relationship between parents/carers and the school.**

*Bellfield Infant School is very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. 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.*

### ***Guidance***

**As well as following the guidance set in our Home-School Agreement, 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.
- Ensure all bicycles and scooters are dismantled on entry to the playground before and after school.

***In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers or 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.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threaten 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/voice mail/phone messages or other written communication.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff/Governors of the school on Facebook or any other social sites. (See Appendix 1). Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channel by initially speaking to the class teacher or head teacher and following the schools Complaints Policy, so that any issue 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 your own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen as an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Smoking, vaping and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs are not allowed onto school premises, either carried or on a lead, with the exception of registered support dogs.
- Any other behaviour that could reasonably be considered to be inappropriate.

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 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.

Date of issue: September 2018

Date to be reviewed: September 2019

Agreed by Governors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ratification: \_\_\_\_\_



## APPENDIX 1

### **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 case other parents/pupils. The Governors of Bellfield Infant School consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interest 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 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 Bellfield Infant 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. This also applies to third parties, for instance individuals from the wider community. 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 adult 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.

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