

# **GEORGE STREET PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

## **Code of Conduct**

### **Parents and Visitors on Site**



*Together we live, learn and value*

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At George Street Primary we are 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.

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

### **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 including other parents 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.

#### **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, parent room, staff room, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including the school field.
- Using offensive or aggressive language, swearing, cursing, threatening 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 network sites
- 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.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought 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. Parents carers and visitors are urged to recognise that the primary responsibility of the school leadership team, teachers and other staff is to uphold the safety and calmness of an appropriate school atmosphere. Anything that comes into direct conflict with this aim could result in parents being banned from the school site in its entirety.

Concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Family Liaison Worker, the Senior Support Officer, the Deputy Headteacher, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned and in accordance with the Schools Complaints Policy.

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.

I agree to abide by the code of conduct as outlined above

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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