

## Parent Code of Conduct Policy

At St. Mary's CE VA Primary School we are very fortunate to have such a supportive and friendly parent body who are keen to work in partnership with the staff at our school to secure the best education for the children of Tetbury. As a partnership, our parents understand the importance of maintaining a positive working relationship with all members of the school community to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of the school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct.

As well as following the guidance in our Home-School Agreement, we expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect our Church School ethos
- Understand that parents and staff need to work together for the benefit of the children.
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect at all times and therefore set a good example to children.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any conflict.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern between members of the school community.

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interrupts the normal operation of a classroom, office or other area of the school including sporting fixtures.
- Using loud or offensive language, swearing, using profane language or displaying temper or wearing clothing with abusive or offensive slogans on whilst on the school site.
- Threatening behaviour
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Abusive or threatening communications
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory remarks regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents, staff and governors either at the school, on Facebook or other social media sites. (See Appendix 1).
- 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 chastise them because of the actions of this child.
- Smoking on the school site

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for supporting us in making our school a safe and happy place for children to learn and grow.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Inappropriate use of Social Media**

Social media websites are being increasingly used to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools. Headteachers, school staff and in some cases other parents and pupils.

The Governors of St. Mary's CE VA Primary School considers the use of social media in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of our whole school community. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the relevant member of staff so we can deal with any concerns fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

The school has a comprehensive complaint policy and guidance issued by the Local Authority on how to make a complaint or raise a concern with the school.

In the event that any pupil, parent or carer of a child or children at the school is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social media sites they will be reported to the 'report abuse' section of the site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content that can be posted on the site and they have 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.

It is important that parents are aware that any conversation held on social media is not a private conversation and if you wouldn't say it to a person's face, you shouldn't be putting it on a site.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any misuse of social networking and other sites.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Anti bullying and behaviour policies
- E safety Policy
- Acceptable Usage Policies
- Complaints Policy
- The Home School Agreement
- Safeguarding Policy