

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School  
'Learning and growing together, rooted in Christ'

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### Parent Code of Conduct Policy



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### Rationale

At Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School 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, school staff and the wider 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 their expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and respect.

### Aims

- All members of the school community must always be treated with respect.
- All members of the school community should feel safe and secure.
- Any concern, or perceived grievance, will be brought up, and dealt with, in a calm and civilised manner.

### Our Expectations

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

- Respect the Catholic ethos of our school.
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of all 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 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.
- Whatever their feelings, all adults will exercise self-control, or wait until they are in a calm frame of mind, before approaching or contacting staff, or other parents.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.
- Respect the privacy of staff and their right to a home and family life.

**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, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including sporting activities which may be held of the school site.
- 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 1).
- Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, a senior member of staff, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- The use of aggressive behaviour 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).

- Making contact with a member of staff outside of school hours to discuss or investigate a concern.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

Please note;

The school reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to abuse. Unacceptable behaviour may well be reported to the police.

School premises are private property, which parents have been granted permission to use. However, in the case of abuse or threats to staff, pupils or other parents, the school can withdraw this permission.

It is an offence under section 547 of the Education Act 1997 for any person (including a parent) to cause a nuisance or disturbance on school premises. The police may be called to assist in removing the person concerned.

If a parent is banned from the school site they will need to provide alternative arrangements for their child/ren to enter and leave the school site. School will not be responsible for this.

Parents have the right of appeal against a decision to ban them from the premises. This must be made in writing to the Chair of Governors, within ten days of permission to enter the school premises being withdrawn.

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## Appendix 1

### **Inappropriate use of Social Network Site**

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteacher, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic 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, a senior member of staff, 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 Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic 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. 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.