

ST MICHAEL'S CE (VC) FIRST SCHOOL



PARENT/CARER CODE OF CONDUCT

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At St Michael's CE (VC) First School, we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Together this helps us achieve the very best for the children in a mutually supportive partnership between parents, staff and the school community.

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.

To truly create the best outcomes for children requires the relationship between home and school to be based on the principles of care, integrity, trust and mutual respect. The maintenance of this relationship is important to ensure that all within the school community are safe (please read our Safeguarding Policy) and not open to undue distress and anxiety.

Holding the above principles in mind, parents, carers and visitors to the school are reminded:

- To respect the caring ethos and values of the school.
- That both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Approaching school staff for help to resolve an issue is done in an appropriate manner.
- All members of the school community are treated with respect and appropriate language and behaviour are used.
- The school needs to work with a child in order to clarify their version of events in order to bring about an appropriate solution to an issue.
- To correct their child's actions especially where it could lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour - both on and off school premises.

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the schools operation or activities anywhere on the school premises (a classroom, office or anywhere else on the school grounds).
- Any inappropriate behaviour on school premises.
- Using loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing or displaying temper.
- Threatening behaviour, in any way, a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil.
- Damaging or destroying school property.

- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications to anyone within the school community.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites (See Appendix 1)
- The use of physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child. (This includes physically punishing your own child on school premises.)
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of 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, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises.
- Pets being brought on to the school premises (other than guide dogs)

Should any of the above occur on school premises, the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities and/or restrict access to areas of the school, allow only pre-arranged meetings to take place or consider banning the offending adult from entering the school premises.

Thank you for abiding by this policy in our school. Together we create a positive and uplifting environment not only for the children but all who work in and visit our school.

APPENDIX 1

Inappropriate use of Social Network Site

Social media websites are being increasingly used to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, school staff, other parents/carers and even pupils.

The Department for Education and Governors of St Michael's CE (VC) First School considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable. Any concerns you may have about the school or your child/children must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, where they will be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Libellous or Defamatory posts - In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/children at St Michael's CE (VC) First School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, the school may report them to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

Cyber Bullying - we take very seriously the use of cyber bullying 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. The school will also

consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse on social networking and other sites. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

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