

# SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School



## Parental/Carer Behaviour Policy

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## Parental Behaviour Policy

### **Rationale:**

At SS Peter and Paul, we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school and against our Christian ethos.

### **Aims:**

That all members of the school community treat each other with respect

### **Expectations:**

- That adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community
- That no members of staff, parents or children are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other adults on the school premises.
- Physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written, to staff, governors, parents and carers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and will result in withdrawal of permission to be on school premises.
- Any parent who is asked to leave the school premises will have the right to appeal the decision by writing to the Chair of Governors

Please note that incidents of rudeness will be logged with the Chair of Governors and parents will be informed via a letter that this is the case. Persistent offenders will have their permission to be on school premises withdrawn.

### **Persons Causing Nuisance / Disturbance on School Premises**

Section 547 of the Education Act 1996 states that School premises are private property and parents have been granted permission from the school to be on school premises. However, in case of abuse or threats to staff, pupils or other parents, school may ban parents from entering school.

It is also an offence under section 547 of the Education Act 1996 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.

The School is not responsible for organising arrangements for children in the above circumstances. Parents will need to provide alternative arrangements for bringing children into school.

## **Warning and Banning**

1. The school/governors will give warning in writing to any parent/carer that is behaving in a manner thought to be threatening or abusive to explain this behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
2. Section 547 of the Education Act 1996 and its updates make it a criminal offence to commit nuisance and trespass on school sites. Delegated Services team members are authorised to act on our behalf in taking proportionate action, in accordance with natural justice, in exercising those powers on our behalf.
3. Schools are not public places and the school/governors can decide who is welcome, or not, using their rights as Landlord of the site.
4. If necessary, external advisors/ Delegated Services are authorised by the Headteacher/governors to act on our behalf in taking proportionate action, in accordance with natural justice, to warn and if necessary, ban an individual or individuals from our site
5. Parents/Carers will be given a home/school contract to explain expectations of their behaviour and procedures if these expectations are not met.

## **Guidelines**

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable and will not be tolerated towards any member of the school community:

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour

- Raising your voice /shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Inappropriate posting on Social Networking sites which could bring the school into disrepute or be deemed as bullying
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone or using aggressive language
- Physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Abusive or threatening emails
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing
- Pushing
- Hitting e.g. slapping, punching or kicking
- Spitting
- Racist or sexist comments

- Stealing or attempting to steal from the school or another person

### **Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites**

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

The Governors of SS Peter and Paul consider 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 following the complaints policy 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 SS Peter and Paul 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.

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. 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. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

Unacceptable behaviour may result in the Police being informed.

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to abuse.

Parents have the right of appeal by writing to the Chair of Governors within ten days of permission to enter the school premises being withdrawn.