

Code of Conduct for Parents

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At Cranford Primary School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent 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 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.

Rationale

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.

We believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

Aims: That all members of the school community treat each other with respect and model good, courteous behaviour to our pupils.

Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we have the following expectations of our parents, carers and visitors:

- To 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
- To respect the caring ethos of our school
- 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 peaceful solution to any issue
- Correct own child's behaviour, especially in public where it could otherwise lead to a conflict, aggressive behaviour or pose a safety risk

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school cannot tolerate parents, carers or 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 team matches
- 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 emails 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
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property

- Dogs being brought on to school premises

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:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Inappropriate posting on social networking sites deemed as bullying
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Physically intimidating behaviours e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing
- Pushing
- Hitting e.g. slapping, punching or kicking
- Spitting
- Racist or sexist comments

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

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.