

# Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors



## Rationale

At St John and St James, we are fortunate to have incredibly supportive and engaged families, without whom we would not be able to function so successfully as a school. Our parents and carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, school adults and the school community. For this reason, we continue to welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to provide a shared understanding for all parents, carers and visitors to our school about expected conduct. This is so that we can continue to maintain good relationships and ensure that our children flourish and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

## We expect parents, visitors and carers to:

- respect our school commitments and our school vision 'Love your neighbour as yourself';
- demonstrate that teachers, support staff and families work together for the benefit of their 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 peaceful solution to the situation;
- be role models to the children and correct own child's behaviour, especially in public, where it could otherwise lead to conflict or unsafe behaviour;
- approach the appropriate adult in school to help you resolve any issues of concern.

## In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school expects that parents and carers refrain from:

- 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;
- using loud and/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper;
- threatening to cause actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, fellow parent/carer or student regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes or may constitute a criminal offence;
- damaging or destroying school property;
- 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 discuss something or chastise them, because of their actions 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);
- bringing dogs or other animals onto school premises;
- smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs on school premises.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises, the school may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and even prohibit the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this code of conduct and thank you for your continuing support.

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