



## Parent Code Of Conduct

At Sitwell Junior School we are fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents. 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.

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, with children at the centre of everything we do.

### Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in the Sitwell Promise, we expect parents, carers and visitors to our school to:

- Respect the school ethos;
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work in partnership 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 resolution to any issue;
- Correct their own child's behaviour especially in public where it could lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour;
- Approach the school to help to resolve any issues of concern;
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish their child's behaviour.

**In order to support a safe and peaceful 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 off site at visits, sporting events, concerts etc.;
- Using loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing,, using profane language or displaying temper or aggression;
- Threatening a member of school staff, visitor, other parent/carer or student regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence;

- Damaging or destroying school property;
- Making false allegations and accusations about the school or a member of staff;
- Abusive or threatening emails, text/phone/voice messages or other written communication;
- Defamation of the school's or staff member's character in any communication (emails, letters etc) or on social networking sites – Facebook etc.;
- 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 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;
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs;
- Cycling on school premises;
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may feel it necessary to contact the relevant authorities and, if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

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.

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