

Stonehouse Park Infant School Parent Code of Conduct

We are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly community of parents at our school and nursery. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, staff and the whole school community. As a partnership, our parents/carers 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 and nursery.

The purpose of this document is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school and nursery about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to ensure every child has the BEST start to their education in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Guidance

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect and model the caring ethos of our school and nursery whenever on our premises or when communicating directly with the school and nursery.
- Understand that school and nursery staff and parents need to work together for the benefit of **all**
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school and nursery community should be treated with tolerance and respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech, conduct and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's and nursery'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 conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the most appropriate member of school or nursery staff to help resolve any issues or concern. This will usually be your child's key person or teacher in the first instance.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school and nursery environment we ask that you do not:

- Breach security procedures, e.g. leaving doors or gates open, not wearing a 'parent/carer' sticker when in school.
- Display disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, play room, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds.
- Use loud/or offensive language e.g. swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threaten to do actual bodily harm to a member of school or nursery staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damage or destroying school or nursery property.
- Send abusive, persistent or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Post slanderous, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school, nursery or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school, in public or on Facebook or other social media sites. (see additional advice regarding Social Media). Any concerns you may have about the school or nursery must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the nursery leader, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- Use physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school or nursery premises.
- Approach someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards your own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Smoke or consume alcohol or other drugs whilst on school or nursery property.
- Bring dogs onto the school or nursery site.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school or nursery 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.

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school and nursery with the implementation of this code of conduct in order to ensure that our school and nursery is a safe and happy place for all and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.

Inappropriate use of Social Media

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. Stonehouse Park Infant School considers 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 speaking to the class teacher, the nursery leader, the leadership team, Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, 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 in the Stonehouse Park Infant School 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.

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