

Parent /Carer Code of Conduct Policy

Wooden Hill Primary and Nursery School



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Signed Headteacher:	<i>I. Garner</i>	

**Signed Chair of
Governors:**



1. Purpose and scope

At Wooden Hill Primary and Nursery School, we believe it's important to:

- > Work in partnership with parents and carers and carers to support their child's learning
- > Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents and carers and carers
- > Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and pupils (through our behaviour policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school work together with parents and carers by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

We use the term 'parents and carers' to refer to:

- > Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
- > Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents and carers or child-minders)

2. Our expectations of parents and carers and carers

We expect parents and carers, carers and other visitors to:

- > Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- > Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
- > Treat all members of the school community with respect — setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- > Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- > Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- > Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern (contact the school office to be directed to, and make an appointment with, the right member of staff)

3. Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- > Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)

- > Swearing, or using offensive language
- > Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents and carers
- > Threatening or abusing another member of the school community
- > Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media
- > Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms
- > Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises
- > Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
- > Disciplining another person's child — please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention
- > Smoking or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- > Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- > Bringing dogs and other animals onto the school premises (other than guide dogs) without prior arrangement

4. Breaching the code of conduct

if the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the school may then:

- > Send a warning letter to the parent
- > Invite the parent in to school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- > Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- > Seek advice from the local authority's legal team regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- > Ban the parent from the school site
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-access-to-school-premises/controlling-access-to-school-premises>

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportionate way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the headteacher.

The headteacher will consult the chair of governors before banning a parent from the school site.