

# Great Bardfield Primary School



## Code of Conduct For Parents, Carers and Visitors

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## **Great Bardfield Primary School Parent Code of Conduct**

At Great Bardfield Primary School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent and carer body who recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between them, teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship in order to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents and 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 that our children can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and respect where the very highest standards of safeguarding are ensured.

### **Guidance**

**As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we expect parents, carers and visitors to:**

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

**In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school will not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following behaviours:**

- 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 school events such as sports days, fetes, performances, etc.
- Using loud or offensive/profane language, swearing, cursing or displaying temper.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carers or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.

- Verbally abusive, threatening or intimidating comments towards a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication about the school or towards, a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/carers/staff, at the school, on social media (Cyber-bullying)
- 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 the actions of this child 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/vaping, consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property or appearing to be intoxicated whilst on school premises.
- Bringing dogs onto school premises without prior permission of the Headteacher.

#### **Procedure**

In the event that any pupil or a parent/carer of a child being educated at Great Bardfield Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on social network they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. 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.

Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

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

We trust that parents, carers and visitors will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.