


# PARENT and CARER CODE OF CONDUCT

# ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY ACADEMY

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At St. John's Primary Academy we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves a partnership between parents/carers, class teachers and the academy community. As part of that 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 academy.

The purpose of this notice is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our academy about their expected conduct. This is so we can continue to enable children to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

**Guidance**

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

- Understand that both teachers and parents/carers need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that all members of the academy 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 academy's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct their own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the academy 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 academy environment the academy cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office or any other area of the academy grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threatening to harm to a member of academy staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying academy property.
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications (e.g. social networking sites such as Facebook, X and Snapchat).
- Defamation of the academy or staff character on any social networking sites.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on academy premises.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards your own child/ren.
- Smoking, vaping and consumption of alcohol or other drugs.
- Cycling on academy premises.
- Dogs being brought on to academy premises. As part of our inclusive nature we welcome professionally trained and accredited support/therapy dogs where prior consent has been attained from the Head of School or Executive Principal. These dogs must be wearing their official working harness when on site.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on academy premises the academy will follow the actions detailed in the "Aggressive or Threatening Behaviour" policy. We trust that parents and carers will help in implementing this policy and we thank you for your continuing support.

**Please contact the academy office if you would like to volunteer to be more involved in academy life as a parent/carer helper. We value and welcome your contribution, however large or small.**