



St. George's Catholic Primary School

Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Visitors

At St George's Catholic Primary School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, governors, class teachers and the school and parish 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 document 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 and respect.

Guidance

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

- Respect the Catholic ethos of our school.
- 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.
- Approach the school to help you resolve any issues of concern by speaking to the class teacher in the first instance, following the school procedures.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Take responsibility for own child's behaviour online and respect the age restrictions set on social media sites such as YouTube, TikTok and WhatsApp.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.
- Walk to school whenever possible, but park with consideration to our local residents if driving to and from school.
- Recognise that we are a nut free school and refrain from bringing any products containing nuts onto the school premises.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Using loud, offensive, inappropriate or discriminatory language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- 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.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Threatening to harm to a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or student regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- 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 your own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/ voicemail/ phone messages or other written communication. Staff will not be able to respond to demands for replies to emails or phone calls within an unreasonable time frame.
- Defamation of the school's or staff character on any form of social media including on WhatsApp.
- Sharing photos of children at school events on any form of social media.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs. Any parent suspected of being intoxicated will be reported to the police.
- Allowing cycling or scooting on school premises.
- Allowing children to play on school equipment.
- Bringing dogs on to school premises.
- Entering the school buildings unless accompanied by a member of staff.
- Using mobile phones on school premises.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur, the school may feel it is necessary to ask the adult to leave the school premises, 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 with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.



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Acknowledgement Slip

- ❖ I confirm that I have received and understood the code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors.

- ❖ I understand the importance of the partnership between home, school and parish and I acknowledge the points raised.

- ❖ I understand that I may be asked to leave the school premises and that the appropriate authorities may be contacted if I exhibit any of the behaviours stated.

Please sign this document by visiting the school website:

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