



Parent Code of Conduct

At Belvoirdale Primary School we welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate in the life and learning of their children in our school.

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

At Belvoirdale Primary School we expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the ethos of our school.
- Understand that both staff and parents 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 along with the school'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 school in a non-aggressive manner to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.

Belvoirdale Primary School will not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, the office area or any other area of the school grounds including the playground.
- Using rude/offensive language, swearing, cursing, using disrespectful language or displaying temper.
- Disturbing school staff and trying to speak to them whilst they are supervising children.
- Breaching school security procedures, e.g. entering school gates without using the intercom system when other parents are leaving or entering the building.
- Attempting to gain entry to any part of the school in disregard of procedure or without permission and appropriate supervision.
- 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.

- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff at the school, on Facebook or any other social media sites.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against a parent's 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 and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

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. Belvoirdale Primary 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.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at Belvoirdale Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be in breach of this code of conduct and expected to remove 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.

Any concerns that a parent or visitor may have about the school **must** be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, a member of the Leadership Team or the Chair of Governors, so it can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

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

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The governing body of Belvoirdale School adopted this policy on:

This policy will be reviewed during the academic year 2019

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