



# PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

SANDON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Introduction

At Sandon Primary Academy we are very fortunate to have supportive parents, who recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the Academy community. As a partnership, our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

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

## We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- *Respect the caring ethos of our school*
- *Understand that both teachers and parents 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 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:

- *Any 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 Academy grounds including sporting events.*
- *Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.*
- *Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of Academy staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.*
- *Damaging or destroying Academy property.*
- *Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication*
- *Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the Academy or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the Academy on Facebook or other social sites. In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at Sandon Primary Academy is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contactor activity which breaches this. The Academy will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately. In serious cases the Academy will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other 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 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 Academy property.*
- *Dogs being brought on to Academy premises.*

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

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

We trust that parents and carers will assist our Academy with the implementation of this policy.

## **Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites**

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Head teachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Trustees of Sandon Primary Academy 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. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the year leader, the Principal or the Chair of the Trustees, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated in Sandon Primary Academy is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. 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. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of online 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. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

We would expect that parents would make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.