

# Church Valley Schools Federation

## Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

In Church Valley Schools Federation, we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents / carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves a partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As part of that partnership our parents / carers 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 / carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

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

**Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer to be more involved in school life, be it as a helper, member of the PTFA(Camerton)PTA(St Julian's) or FOSSA(Shoscombe), or as a Governor. We value and welcome your contribution, however large or small.**

### Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Contracts, 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 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 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 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 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 school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threatening to harm a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carers or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications.
- Defamation of the school or staff character on Facebook or other social networking sites.
- 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 children.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs on school premises.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises with the exception of assistance dogs.

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

## Appendix 1

### **Inappropriate use of Social Network Site**

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 Governors of Church Valley Schools Federation 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 Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, 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 the Church Valley Schools Federation 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 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.

Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

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