



## Code of Conduct Policy

### **Rationale**

The rationale for this code 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 flourish progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Parents and carers are allowed on the school premises by permission of the school: this may be withdrawn if necessary.

The code of conduct sets out ways in which the school expects parents to show respect for others by:

- Respecting the caring ethos of the school
- Understanding that parents and teachers need to work together for the benefit of the pupils
- Demonstrating in their own behaviour that all members of the school community should be treated with respect including setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- Correcting their own child's behaviour, especially where it could lead to conflict
- Parking carefully avoiding parking that blocks neighbours' driveways and waiting or stopping in areas which must be kept clear, including the school driveway, which is reserved for staff only
- Respecting the school and neighbouring environment by not dropping litter
- Not allowing children to enter gardens of neighbouring properties
- Not entering the classrooms before the school day begins in order to allow teachers to fully prepare for their day
- Not bringing animals into school grounds for health and safety reasons, unless for educational purposes with prior agreement by the head teacher

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment Elliott Park does not tolerate loud or offensive language, swearing, or cursing, or the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. No members of staff, parents, carers or children should be subjected to abusive behaviour or threats from other adults on the school premises.

### **Behaviours deemed unacceptable include:**

- Posting on social networking sites which could be perceived as bullying
- The use of aggressive hand gestures such as, pointing or jabbing
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing
- Spitting

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- Racist or sexist comments
- Inappropriate name calling
- Use of tobacco, being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on the school premises
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the students/parents/staff at the school, on Facebook or other social sites or social situations.
- Damaging or destroying school property

If any of these behaviours occur, the school may contact the appropriate authorities and, if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering school grounds.

#### **Elliott Park School expects parents to:**

- Send their child to school punctually every day, suitably dressed, fed and rested ready to start the school day
- Ensure that their child has the necessary equipment to participate fully in school activities
- Help to ensure that their child follows all reasonable instructions by school staff and adheres to the school's expectations
- Communicate openly with the school on matters that may affect their child's behaviour and learning
- Any concerns about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher or head teacher so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- Parents should not take matters into their own hands, involving other parents before the school is informed and given the opportunity to resolve matters fairly, that either involve pupil to pupil or parent to parent.

Elliott Park School has a right to expect co-operation in maintaining an orderly climate of learning, and to engage outside partners such as children's services and the police as appropriate if it considers a child to be at risk of harm.

This policy also lists parents' expectations of Elliott Park School, which include:

- Providing a welcoming atmosphere for all parents/carers
- Communicating regularly with parents to keep them informed of their child's progress
- Informing parents, or inviting them into the school, when their child's behaviour gives cause for concern
- Replying promptly to all parental concerns

The school has in place a policy for complaints. Parents are requested to follow the guidelines within the complaints policy if an occasion arises that requires a meeting with the child's teacher.