

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct Policy

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Why do we need a Policy?

Our staff, pupils and parents/carers are a community working together to give our children the best education that we can give them.

A code of conduct is a form of understanding so that the whole school community can work together in a positive way to achieve a happy, safe environment to support our children's learning.

Carr Infant School Parent/Carer Code of Conduct Policy

At Carr Infants 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 and carers, class teachers, and the school community.

As part of that 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 policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so the whole school community can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Guidance

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring ethos of our school
- 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 are treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- Seek to clarify their child's version of events with the school's in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Correct their child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive, 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 will not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Unexpected behaviour which interferes, disrupts, or threatens to interfere with the operation
 of a classroom, an employee's office, office area, or any other area of the school grounds,
 including sports matches
- Using loud or aggressive language, swearing, cursing, profane language, or displaying temper. This includes racial or homophobic language.
- Acting in an intimidating or harassing way towards any member of the school staff or volunteers
- Threatening actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, volunteer, fellow parent/carer or pupil, regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, texts, voicemail, phone messages or any other written communication
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes the physical punishment of your 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, the use of e-cigarettes, and consumption or being under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs whilst on school property
- Dogs or other pets being brought onto school premises

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

Social Network Sites

The Governors of Carr Infant and Nursery School take seriously any misuse of social media sites.

This includes social media and messaging sites, such as but not limited to Facebook, WhatsApp and Messenger, being used to fuel campaigns and complaints, make defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the schools or staff. This also includes incidents of cyber bullying where a child (or a parent/carer) publicly humiliates another through social media. The use of social media sites in this way is unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community.

Any concerns you have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, Headteacher, or Chair of Governors, so that they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Any libellous or defamatory comments being posted on such sites or apps will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the 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.

Behaviour Curriculum

As part of attending Carr infants, families agree that they will support us in following our behaviour curriculum. Children who are struggling to follow our behaviour curriculum will be supported through our behaviour policy.

The Carr Way - Behaviour Curriculum





We attend school on time





We wear the correct uniform



We keep our hands and feet to ourselves











