



Acceptable Behaviour Policy: Parental

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Rationale

At Watcombe Primary School, we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

Aims:

- That all members of the school community treat each other with respect

Persons Causing Nuisance / Disturbance on School Premises **Section 547 of the Education Act 1996**

School premises are private property and parents have been granted permission from the school to be on school premises. However, in case of abuse or threats to staff, pupils or parents, school may restrict parents from entering school.

It is also an offence under section 547 of the Education Act 1996 for any person (including a parent) to cause a nuisance or disturbance on school premises. The person will be asked to leave and if unwilling the police may be called to assist in removing the person concerned.

If a parent is restricted from the school premises it is the responsibility of the parent to make arrangements for their children to be brought / collected from school.

Guidelines:

- That adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community
- Threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written or physical assault to staff, governors, parents and carers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and may result in withdrawal of permission to be on school premises or a warning letter.
- Any parent who has permission to be on the premises will have the right to appeal the decision by writing to the Chair of Governors
- Unacceptable behaviour may result in the police being informed

Please note that incidents contrary to this policy will be recorded within the school system.

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable and will not be tolerated towards any member of the school community. This includes behaviours such as:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Inappropriate posting on Social Networking sites which could bring the school, or members of its community, into disrepute or be deemed as bullying
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Physical / verbal intimidation or threats
- Racist or sexist comments including sexual innuendo

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour.

Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites:

Social media is a powerful and useful tool to communicate to the school community. The expectation is that all parties use this tool responsibly and respectfully.

If a member of the school community has any concern, it is requested that they make an appointment with the most appropriate member of staff in order that it can be resolved quickly in the best interest of all parties. This is in line with the school complaints policy.

Social media should not be used to share grievances against any member of the school community, or school itself, as it is not in the best interest of the school community.

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

In the event that a member of the school community is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on 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 content or activity which breaches this). The school will also expect that the perpetrator to remove such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with misuse of social networking and other sites.