

# **Watlington Community Primary School**

## **Expectations of Parents / Carers / Visitors to the School**

At Watlington Community Primary School 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, class teacher and the school community. As a 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 document is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

### **Guidance**

**As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, 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 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, in conjunction with the school'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 school to help resolve any issues of concern. Initial contact should be with the class teacher. Initial contact with the Headteacher may be redirected to the class teacher.

**In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents and carers exhibiting the following:**

- Disruptive 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 school grounds including where sports fixtures are taking place.
- Using loud/offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Abusive or threatening emails, text, phone messages or other written communication.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any pupil, parent or staff on any social network sites (Appendix 1). Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the

class teacher, Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so that they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively by all concerned.

- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to the school premises

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

We trust that parents/carers and visitors will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and thank you for your continuing support of the school.

### **Appendix 1**

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns against individuals including staff and pupils as well as schools across the UK. The Governors of Watlington Community Primary School consider 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 have about your child or the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so that 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 at Watlington 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 any parent/carer or pupil remove such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of **CYBERBULLYING** 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 these expectations.