

Dunton and Wrestlingworth Church of England VC Lower Schools Federation

Respect Code of Conduct

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Home/School Partnership

At Dunton and Wrestlingworth VC Lower Schools, we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly adults in our school community. All adults recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school and understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we welcome and encourage everyone involved with our children to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this code of conduct is to provide a reminder to all adults who visit our school about expected conduct so that we can work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children that reflects our Christian values.

Respect and concern for others and their rights

This guidance supports implementation of the Home/School Partnership. We expect all adults to show respect and concern for others by:

- Supporting the respectful ethos of our school by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community;
- Working together with teachers for the benefit of children. This includes approaching the school to resolve any issues of concern and to discuss and clarify specific events in order to bring about a positive solution;

- Reinforcing the school's policy on Behaviour and Anti-bullying; respecting the learning environment appropriately (both in school and off site),
- Parking with consideration and respect for others and in accordance with the prevailing laws when delivering and collecting children from school.

In order to support a peaceful and safe learning environment, the school does not tolerate:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, an office area or any other part of the school grounds;
- Using loud and/or offensive language or displaying temper;
- Threatening harm or the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them and physical punishment against your own child on school premises. (Some actions may constitute an assault with legal consequences.);
- Damaging or destroying school property;
- Abusive, threatening, malicious or inflammatory emails, phone or social network messages (see Appendix 1)
- Smoking, vaping and consumption of alcohol or other drugs or accessing the school site whilst intoxicated;

The above behaviours on school premises will be reported to the appropriate authorities and the Senior Leadership Team may prohibit or place restrictions on an offending adult entering the school grounds to safeguard our school community. This may include entering school by appointment only and/or being seen by two members of staff together.

We trust that all visiting adults will fully support this Respect Code of Conduct.

APPENDIX 1

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. Dunton and Wrestlingworth VC Lower Schools consider the use of social media websites 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.

- Parents/Carers are not expected to post pictures of pupils other than their own children on social networking sites
- Parents/Carers should voice concerns through official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites
- Parents/Carers should not post malicious or fictitious comments on social networking sites about any member of the school community
- Parents/Carers must not create social media accounts which appear to be associated with the school i.e. class group pages on Facebook.
- Parents/Carers can "report" any unpleasant comments or content to Facebook or other social networking sites, who may remove comments and block/ban users who break these rules.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at Dunton or Wrestlingworth VC Lower Schools 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 any member of the school community to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.