



Sunnyside Academy Parent, Carers and Visitors Code of Conduct

Sunnyside Academy has a code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors. It says the purpose is:

To provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

The school expects parents and carers to:

- Respect the caring ethos of the school
- Understand that parents, carers and staff need to work together for the benefit of children
- Demonstrate in their own behaviour that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and understand that they must remain calm and respectful at all times
- Approach school staff to help resolve issues
- Work with the school to build relationships with its staff
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office or other area of school grounds
- Loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing or displaying anger to others
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, governor, visitor, parent/carer or pupil
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff at the school on Facebook or other social media sites
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physically punishing your own child on school premises
- Chastising someone else's child
- Smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes), or consuming alcohol or drugs whilst on school property
- Bringing dogs on to school premises

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

SOCIAL NETWORK SITES

Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites.

Any concerns you may have about the school 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.

Inappropriate use of Social Network Site

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governing Body of Sunnyside Academy considers 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 may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so 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 Sunnyside Academy 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/ material 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 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 and carers would make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.