

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

At St Laurence's 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 a partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As part of that partnership our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship in order to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this notice is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about their expected conduct. This is so we can continue to enable children to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

### **Guidance**

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Contracts, we expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- 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 with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue. Correct their 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.

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threatening to harm to a member of school staff, visitor, 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 e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications.
- Defamation of the school or staff character on Facebook or other social networking sites.

- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards your own child/ren.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs.
- Cycling on school premises.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school will follow the actions detailed in the "Abusive or Threatening Behaviour" policy. We trust that parents and carers will help in implementing this policy and we thank you for your continuing support.

Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer to be more involved in school life, be it as a parent helper, member of the Friends of St Laurence's or School Governor. We value and welcome your contribution, however large or small.

