



SEALAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, guardians, carers and visitors exhibiting the following whilst on school premises and for communications involving use of telephone, email and social media:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, staff member's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including team matches/school events.
- Using loud and/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language and/or displaying anti-social behaviour on our school premises.
- 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.
- Actual physical violence against any other person on school premises.
- Damaging or destroying school property/threatening to damage or destroy property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages/conversations or other written and/or electronic communication.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff at the school, on Facebook or other social network sites. (See Appendix 1).
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Approaching another parent/guardian/carer's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs, or in possession of, whilst on school property.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary refuse the offending person(s) entry to the school/school grounds.

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

Appendix 1: 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 Governors of our school 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 Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned in line with our complaints policy.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/children being educated in our 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 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.

Any concerns you may have about your child/the school **must be made through the appropriate school complaints procedure**. Normally this is done 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. School Complaints Policy/Procedures available from the office on request.