



# **Code of conduct for Parents and Visitors**

**January 2024**

At Walbottle Village Primary School, we are very fortunate to have very supportive and friendly parents, without which we would not be able to function so successfully.

Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers 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 the policy is to provide a reminder to all parent and visitors to our school about expected conduct. This is so that we can continue to flourish and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

**At Walbottle Village we expect all parents and carers to:**

- respect the ethos of our school;
- demonstrate that both teachers and parents/carers 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 an amicable solution to any given situation;
- correct own child's behaviour, especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict or 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 will not accept the following behaviours from parents and carers:**

- 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;
- using loud and/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper;
- threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, fellow parent/carer or student,
- damaging or destroying school property;
- abusive or threatening emails or phone messages;
- the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child;
- approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of their actions 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.

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

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

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