



## **Parent Code of Conduct**

**This Code of Conduct is an unsigned agreement between the Parent, Carer, Visitor and Alvanley and Manley Village School.**

At Alvanley and Manley Village School, we are extremely fortunate to have a supportive and friendly school community. At our school, the staff, governors, parents and carers all recognise that the education of our children is a partnership between us.

We expect our school community to respect our ethos, keep our school tidy and set a good example of their own behaviour both on the school premises and when accompanying children on school trips.

As a partnership we are all aware of the importance of good relationships and all recognise the importance of these relationships to equip our children with the necessary skills for life. For these reasons we will continue to welcome and encourage parents and carers to engage fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to provide the expectations around the conduct of all parents, carers and visitors connected to our school.

We are committed to resolving difficulties in a constructive manner, through open and positive dialogue. Where issues arise, please contact your child's class teacher or the Headteacher who will be available to meet with you to hopefully resolve any issues.

This code aims to clarify the types of behaviour that are expected and seeks parental agreement to these expectations. The Code of Conduct also sets out the actions the school can take should this code be ignored or where breaches occur.

## Guidance

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

- Understand that school staff and parents need to work together for the benefit of all
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with tolerance and respect and therefore set a good example in their own conduct, behaviour and speech
- Respect and model the caring ethos of our school whenever on school premises, on school trips, at school events or when communicating directly with school
- Correct their own child's behaviour, especially where it could otherwise lead to conflict or unsafe behaviour
- Aim 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 provide a peaceful and safe school environment for all, the school will not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Using offensive behaviour; swearing, showing disrespect or displaying temper.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
- Sharing confidential information about a child or any member of another child's family to any other parent, including behaviour incidents that do not involve their own child.
- Abusive, persistent or threatening emails or phone messages or other written communication.
- Verbal defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff when on school premises
- 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. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so that it can be dealt with fairly and effectively.
- The use of physical aggression towards any adult or child, this includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Breaching school security procedures, e.g. trying to gain access to the school without using the intercom system at either school office.
- Attempts to gain entry to any part of the school in disregard of procedure or without permission and appropriate supervision.

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office area or any other area of the school ground.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Smoking whilst on school property, including when standing in the school playground or car park.
- Take photographs of any child other than their own, without direct permission from the other child's parent, this includes on school trips and at pick-up times.

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

We trust that parents, carers and any visitors will assist our school with the implementation of this Code of Conduct and we thank you for your continued support of our school.

### **Inappropriate use of Social Media**

At Alvanley and Manley Village School, social media is used as a platform to celebrate and share the wonderful work and commitment of our children and the school community. We wish to continue using social media in this way and expect parents to support this positive interaction.

Unfortunately, social media can also be used to name children involved in incidences, share confidential information regarding someone in our school community, make accusations or share false news and gossip. Alvanley and Manley Village School considers this use of social media, websites or apps unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels as written above.

In the event that any pupil, parent or carer of children at our school is found to be posting defamatory comments on any social media sites or apps, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the site. All social media sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust procedures to report contact or any activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent, carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another on social media. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare. We also strongly encourage all parents and carers to adhere to the strict age guidelines given for all social media sites and apps, and monitor their child's use of any social media site outside of school.

We would expect that parents would make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.

