



Denver VC Primary School

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers Policy

Introduction

As a church school, our values are based on Christian principles, and we have an ethos of hard work and mutual respect. **Our shared Christian vision is:**

To seek to discover and celebrate whatever is good in each individual.

Discover – Value - Celebrate - Praise



Matthew 5:16

We aim to develop the whole school community, promoting the academic, social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and aesthetic aspects of the individual.

This is the starting point of all our policy writing so that we can encourage all members of our community to 'Let their light shine' surrounded by a safe, enabling and encouraging environment.

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We are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents/carers, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents/carers 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.

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

Purpose and Scope

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

Guidance

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring ethos and values of our school
- Understand that both teachers and parents/carers 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 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.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school has zero tolerance for parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- 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 including team matches.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or student regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the students/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites. (See Appendix 1). Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, Headteacher or the Chair of

Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. However, an appointment should be made via the office to explore this.

- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child.
- Approaching someone else's child 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). This applies within and outside the school grounds.
- Reporting hearsay regarding a child to the parent, report this to the class teacher or head teacher.
- Starting or spreading rumours that question the professional integrity of members of staff. Let a rumour stop with you!
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises unless authorised by school.
- Taking photographs at school events and posting on social media.

Sports Matches – Home & Away

We expect all children who are chosen to represent Denver School to play fairly; respect the teacher, the other team and the referee; play by the rules and understand that the teacher will make decisions in the best interests of the team and not any one individual player.

We ask that parents support their children by also following our code of conduct which is based on the Football Association RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT:

I will:

- Remember that children are playing for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the teacher's decisions concerning all team members
- Not confuse players by telling them what to do
- Respect the referee's decisions even when I don't agree with them
- Remain behind the touch line and within any designated spectator area
- Encourage the players to respect the teacher, the opposition, the referee and any match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

The school has zero tolerance if **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises or at events where the school is participating and may feel it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, ask you to leave the venue or even ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

The Head Teacher holds the authority to judge when actions transgress this guidance with the support of the Governing Body.

If any behaviour results in action being taken in regards to the guidance in this policy and parents/carers wish to appeal the School's Complaints Policy can be seen on the school website.

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 media

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/students. The Governors 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 student or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated in the school 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. TAs we consider parents and carers are responsible for the actions of their children this would be considered a safeguarding concern, and the usual procedures would be followed. All social network sites have clear rules about the content, which can be posted, on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or child 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. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

Appendix 2:

Persons Causing Nuisance / Disturbance on School Premises

Section 547 of the Education Act 1996

School premises are private property and parents have been granted permission from the school to be on school premises. However, in case of abuse or threats to staff, pupils or other parents, school may ban parents from entering school.

It is also an offence under section 547 of the Education Act 1996 for any person (including a parent) to cause a nuisance or disturbance on school premises. The police may be called to assist in removing the person concerned.

School is not responsible for organising arrangements for children in the above circumstances. Parents will need to provide alternative arrangements for bringing children into school.