

# The Meadows School



## Code of Conduct for Families

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## 1. Rationale

To provide a reminder to all families and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding. This will, be shared with parents via the website and attention drawn to the code of conduct in the annual data pack for families.

## 2. Code of Conduct Letter for Families

### **The school expects parents and carers to:**

- Respect the caring ethos of the school
- Understand that parents and teachers need to work together for the benefit of children
- Demonstrate in their own behaviour that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and understand that, even if there is conflict due to a member of staffs' oversight, parents must remain calm and respectful
- Approach school staff to help resolve issues
- Work with the school to build relationship with its staff
- 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 where it could lead to conflict

### **In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school does not tolerate:**

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office or other area of school grounds
- Loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing or displaying temper
- Threatening a member of school staff, governor, visitor, parent/carer or pupil
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physically punishing your own child on school premises
- Chastising someone else's child
- Smoking, or consuming alcohol or drugs whilst on school property
- Bringing dogs on to school premises unless it is a registered guide dog

If any of these behaviours occur, the school may contact the appropriate authorities and, if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering school grounds.

**Message from The Chair of the Governing Board regarding,  
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 The Meadows School considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interest 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 pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at the Meadows 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. 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/material 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 or intimidate another by inappropriate social network entry.

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

Thank you for your cooperation to ensure all children at The Meadows School remain happy, confident and successful.

S. Whitlow  
Chair of Governors

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Headteacher

Date: