

Barrs Court Primary School

Code of Conduct for Parents

(Non-Statutory Document)

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Parent/Carer Code of Conduct 2021

Primary School, we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents/carers who recognise that educating children is a process that involves parent/carers partnership with the school staff and the school community and understand the importance of good working relationships to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

The purpose of this 'Code of Conduct' is to provide a reminder to all parents and visitors about expected conduct so that we can work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children.

We expect parents/carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring ethos of our school and set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Understand that teachers, support staff and parents/carers need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Treat all members of the school community with respect.
- Refer to members of school staff in a formal manner eg Mr Smith
- Be responsible for supervising their child(ren) before gates/doors open and after school.
- Ensure their child(ren) make 'right choices' on the site, including looking after school property, before and after school.
- Ensure that their child(ren) does not use the Trim Trail before/after school.
- Appropriately correct their own child's behaviour in a positive, respectful manner being aware of others around them.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.
- Adhere to and respect the 'late door' policy. All external doors have to be closed at 9.00am. Even if you arrive just as the door has closed, you need to go the main entrance of the school. We have a legal responsibility to monitor punctuality as well as attendance.
- Wait until children have been let out at the end of the day to talk to staff. *

**Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking first to your child's classteacher(s) who may be contacted by phoning the school office, to make an appointment or on a 'drop-in' day.*

If necessary, you can then contact the Area Leader, Subject Leader, Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or Chair of Governors via the school office.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school will not tolerate parents/carers or visitors exhibiting any of the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes, or threatens to interfere, with the operation of a classroom or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language including swearing/cursing or displaying temper.
- Threatening/intimidating behaviour towards staff.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, governor, visitor, fellow parent/carers or pupil regardless of whether or not this behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Behaviour likely to result in damage or destruction of school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication to the school.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils, parents/carers or staff on Facebook or other social media sites (see Social Network sites attachment).

- Publishing of images of children on school trips, in plays etc (other than your own) on a social media site. (Some children's parents/carers have not authorised the sharing of their child's images in this way.)
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment of their own child on school premises.
- Approaching someone else's child, or their parent/carers, to discuss the child's actions and/or to chastise them. An approach of this nature may have legal consequences.
- Smoking or consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Bringing dogs (other than guide dogs) or puppies onto the school site.

If you have a concern to share regarding the behaviour of another child or parent/carer, please follow the steps outlined on Page 1.)

Thank you for your co-operation.

For more information, please visit our website www.barrscourtprimaryschool.co.uk



Parents/Carers of Barrs Court Primary School

Inappropriate use of Social Network Sites

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 Barrs Court Primary School consider 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 pupil or parent/carer of a child(ren) being educated at Barrs Court Primary 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 content 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 important is the issue of cyber bullying and the use of 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.

We would expect that parents/carers would:

- Make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.
- Report to the school any 'unacceptable' use of social media websites related to Barrs Court Primary School.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Governors of Barrs Court Primary School