

# **Whingate Primary School**



## **Parent/Carer Code of Conduct.**

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### **1. Purpose and scope**

At Whingate Primary School, we believe it's important to:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents
- Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times
- Safe use of online applications and social media
- Provide caring relationships based on mutual respect
- Provide an environment where everyone is safe, secure and has fun
- Encourage self-control, responsibility and good working attitudes

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and pupils (through our behaviour policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school work together with parents by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
- Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or child-minders)

### **2. Our expectations of parents and carers**

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
  - Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
  - Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
  - Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
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- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern – speaking to the class teacher in the first instance
- Appropriate use of social media related to school celebrations, posting and commenting

### **3. Personal use of social media by parents/carers**

The school expects parents/carers to help us model safe, responsible and appropriate social media use for our pupils.

When communicating with the school via official communication channels – ClassDojo, or using private/independent channels to talk about the school, parents and carers should:

- Be respectful towards, and about, members of staff and the school at all times
- Be respectful of, and about, other parents/carers and other pupils and children
- Direct any complaints or concerns through the school's official channels, so they can be dealt with in line with the school's complaints procedure

Parents/carers **should not** use social media to:

- Complain about individual members of staff, other parents/carers or pupils
- Complain about the school
- Make inappropriate comments about members of staff, other parents/carers or pupils
- Draw attention to, or discuss, behaviour incidents
- Post images of children other than their own

#### **3.1 ClassDojo**

We expect parents/carers to follow the above social media guidelines when using ClassDojo. In addition teachers and school staff are not expected to respond to ClassDojo messages before 8:30am, after 3:30pm, weekends or holidays.

### **4. Behaviour that will not be tolerated**

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- Swearing, or using offensive language
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- Threatening another member of the school community
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media
- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms
- Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises

- Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
- Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention – class teacher in the first instance
- Smoking/vaping or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs)

## **5. Breaching the code of conduct**

If the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent about the incident.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the school may then:

- Send a **warning** letter to the parent
- Invite the parent into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from (the local authority legal team) regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- **Ban** the parent from the school site

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the Co-headteachers.

The Co-headteachers will consult the chair of governors before banning a parent from the school site.