

**CUDDINGTON AND DINTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**Code of Conduct Policy
for Parents, Carers and Visitors**



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16 is central to all that we do as a Christian school community. We work together to nurture the well-being, learning and development of everyone, empowering all to shine as individuals through clearly understood values and behaviour, founded in the Christian faith.

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At Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School we are committed to providing a holistic approach to education which aims to support the academic, cultural, personal and social development of all our pupils. We believe pupils learn best in a safe and supportive environment based on respect, trust and underpinned by an effective partnership between parents, staff and the wider school community. As we endeavour to facilitate all pupils to 'Let their light shine', high standards of behaviour are required of pupils and visitors to our school. Staff are expected to act professionally at all times. The positive support of parents and carers is an essential component to provide the best example and role model for all children.

This 'Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors' has been adopted and agreed by the school's governing body. It provides a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the conduct expected of them. It sets out both what they should aim to do, whilst also detailing conduct which will not be tolerated. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

This code complements the school's 'Complaints Policy' which is designed to handle parental concerns or complaints in a sensitive and mutually supportive manner (see the school website or contact the school office).

Expectations

We expect parents and carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring ethos and values of our school
- Work together with school staff for the benefit of their children
- Treat all members of the school community with respect using appropriate language and behaviour
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern
- Where appropriate, clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Promote good behaviour of your own children at all times, especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour (avoiding using teachers as a threat if your child misbehaves).
- Park safely when dropping off and collecting your child/children from either school site. Using the recommended parking: (At the Playing field in Cuddington or outside the church in Dinton, walking through the church yard.)
- Not sharing photographs from the school Twitter account.
- Not photographing or videoing children within school, unless specific permission has been given.

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

- Disruptive or other inappropriate behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the school's operation or activities anywhere on the school premises
- Approaching another parent or child in order to discuss or chastise them because of an issue between the children, (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences) – please talk to a member of staff to resolve problems
- Using loud or offensive language or displaying temper
- Threatening, in any way, a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupils

- Using physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child, including physical punishment of your own child on school premises
- Any other behaviour, verbal or otherwise, which could be considered to be inappropriate, offensive, or abusive
- Sending abusive emails, text/voicemail/phone messages, or other written communications to anyone within the school community
- Sending persistent malicious or intimidating emails or making persistent phone calls
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/carers/staff at the school on Facebook or other social media (See Appendix below)
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Smoking, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises (alcohol may only be consumed during authorised events)
- Bringing dogs (other than guide dogs) into the school playgrounds
- Taking photographs with phones or other devices on school premises without permission from the school

If we are unable to resolve issues in a reasonable manner, the school may have to ban parents/carers/visitors from entering the school grounds, and in extreme cases may need to involve the police. We trust that parents, carers and visitors will assist our school with the implementation of this policy, and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.

We ask that parents and carers ensure they make all persons responsible for collecting their children aware of this policy.

Appendix: Inappropriate use of social network sites

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, head teachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The governors 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. Please think before you post. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the head teacher or the chair of governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Libellous or defamatory posts

In the event that any student or parent/carer of a child being educated at 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. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or student removes such comments immediately.

Cyber bullying

We take very seriously the issue of cyber bullying by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites.