

Schoolsworks Parent Partnership Policy

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At our schools, we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school and understand the importance of good working relationships. Pupils benefit and their learning is maximised when the relationship between home and school is a positive one.

For these reasons, we welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in school life.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents and visitors about expected conduct so that together we can ensure the safe and positive learning environments for all our children.

Respect and concern for others

We strive to make our schools places where, as adults, we model for the children, the behaviour we teach and promote in all our schools. We place high importance on good manners, positive communication and mutual respect. All members of the school community should show respect and concern for others by:

- Supporting the respectful ethos of our schools
- Setting positive examples in their own communication (written and spoken)
- Resolving any concerns in a calm and sensible manner through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or member of the school's community council
- Respecting school environments

On very rare occasions, a parent or visitor may present as angry and aggressive. Members of staff must behave professionally at all times in these challenging circumstances. Attempts should be made to defuse these situations, seeking the involvement of other colleagues as appropriate.

In order to support safe and peaceful school environments, our schools cannot tolerate:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of classrooms, office areas, waiting areas etc
- Use of loud and /or offensive language
- Threatening harm or the use of verbal or physical aggression towards an adult or a child (this includes approaching someone else's child in order to discuss issues or to tell them off)
- Abusive or threatening emails, phone calls or social network messages
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding Schoolsworks schools or any pupil or staff member, on Facebook or other social sites
- Smoking, including e cigarettes, and the consumption of alcohol or entering school sites whilst intoxicated
- Dogs [with the exception of assistance dogs] being brought onto school sites

Thank you for your on-going support. Working together we can maintain the happy and welcoming environments in all our schools, not only for the children but for all who work or visit.