

The Wordsley School Parent Code of Conduct

At The Wordsley School, we believe it's important to:

- ✓ Work in partnership with parents/carers 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
- ✓ Provide the highest quality of education for all. We strive to equip each pupil with the values, attitudes, knowledge and skills they require for their future beyond school

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, including our Pupil Code of Conduct).

This code of conduct aims to help the school work together effectively with parents, by setting guidelines on how we conduct ourselves.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

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

Our expectations of parents, carers and other visitors

We expect parents, carers and other visitors (as applicable) to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Work together with staff in the best interests of the child
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- 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
- Understand that issues cannot always be resolved straight away, but that time needs to be given for the appropriate member(s) of staff to ascertain all necessary information/support.
- As far as possible, make an appointment to see the relevant member of staff by telephoning school reception.
- Return the school's calls/respond to text messages to ensure communication is as efficient as possible.
- Be responsible for contributing towards the cost of any damage to school property which is proven to have been caused by their child.

Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports teams 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
- Smoking 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)

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 in to 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's Legal Team regarding further action
- Ban the parent from 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 Headteacher.