

Millennium

INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Code of Conduct Policy

MIPS - 150

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(*any reference to Parent shall include Guardians, Carers, Grandparents or any such person who shall have the responsibility of a Millennium Integrated Primary School (MIPs) pupil during interaction with the school)

Purpose:

At MIPs we pride ourselves on having a supportive and friendly community of parents. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between the home and school and understand the importance of good working relationships to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we welcome and encourage parents 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 we can work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children in keeping with the ethos of our school.

Respect and Concern for Others and their Rights:

We expect our parents to show respect and concern for others by:

- Supporting the respectful ethos of our school by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community;
- Working together with teachers and assistants for the benefit of children. This includes approaching the school to resolve any issues of concern and to discuss and clarify specific events in order to bring about a positive solution;
- Respecting the school environment, including keeping school tidy by not littering, using correct pedestrian footways into school, respecting the designated drop off and parking zones, driving carefully and considerately within permitted areas and returning equipment that has been borrowed;
- Respecting the privacy and rights of other families by not photographing children in the playground.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, school cannot tolerate:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, the office area, the outside learning environment or any other part of school grounds;
- Using loud and/or offensive language or displaying temper;
- Threatening harm or the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them and physical punishment against your own child on school premises;
- Abusive or threatening emails, phone, school communication app or social network messages.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding school or any of the pupils/staff, at the school on social media (See Appendix 1).
- Smoking, vaping and the consumption of alcohol or other drugs or accessing the school site whilst intoxicated.
- Dogs being brought onto school premises, apart from assistance dogs.

Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Principal or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Should you wish to raise a complaint, the school has a Complaints Procedure for dealing with such, a copy of which is available on the school's website, alternatively, you can obtain a copy from the front office.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises, the school can and will (if it feels necessary) contact the appropriate authorities and reserves the right to take any precautionary deemed necessary to ensure the safety of our staff and the general school community.

We trust that parents will assist our school with the implementation of and adherence to this policy and we thank you for your continuing support.

We request that parents make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.

Appendix 1 – Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites

Social media is being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Principals, school staff and, in some cases, other parents/pupils. The Governors of our school consider social media 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, Senior Leadership, the Principal 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 of a child/ren being educated at MIPS is found to be posting potentially libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or any other social network sites, they may 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 contact or activity which breaches this.

In serious cases, the Board of Governors may consider legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. The Board of Governors also reserves the right to take action it deems suitable to ensure the safety of children and staff.

This Policy can also be read in conjunction with the Code of Conduct for staff in Millennium Integrated PS (MIPS-106)