

Colcot Primary School



Parent Code of Conduct Policy

Purpose and scope

Our school is invested in supporting the very best possible relational health between:

Parent and child

Child and child

Child and school staff

Parents and school staff

In April 2024 a parent group met to discuss the school's ethos and its focus on developing positive relationships, to create a parent code of conduct.

At Colcot Primary School, we believe that it is important to:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's development
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents
- Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times

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

Our expectations of parents/carers:

- We expect parents/carers and other visitors to:
- Respect the ethos, vision and values of the school
- Work together with school staff in the best interests of the children
- Treat all member school community with respect
- Correct their child's behaviours where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- Seek a peaceful solution to any issues
- Calmly approach the right member of staff to help solve any issues of concern
- Communicate with the school regarding matters concerning their children

Unacceptable behaviours from parents/carers:

- Swearing, or using offensive language around the children/on our premises – please keep conversations child friendly
- Speaking aggressively, displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- Using aggressive or threatening behaviour towards another child or adult
- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school and/or its staff or pupils on social media platforms - please come and speak to us if you have any issues or concerns that you would like addressed
- Disciplining another person's child – please bring any concerns about other children to a member of staff
- Smoking or drinking alcohol on school premises
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (unless a guide dog)

Breaching the Code of Conduct:

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

Depending on the incident the school **may** then:

- send a letter to the parent/carer reminding them that we expect all adults within our school community to model appropriate behaviours for our children to learn.
- Invite the parent/carer into school to speak to the headteacher or a senior member of staff about the incident
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in the case of criminal behaviour)
- Seek legal advice regarding further action in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous
- Ban the parent from the school premises

The school will always attempt to manage breakdown in relationship/incidents restoratively and in a proportionate way. The headteacher will decide upon an appropriate response to poor behaviour from parents/carers. The headteacher will consult with the school's Chair of Governors before banning a parent/carer from the school premises.

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