



Great Orton Primary School

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct Policy

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Chair of Governors: S McGaffin

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Introduction

At Great Orton Primary School, we are committed to fostering a friendly and supportive parent/guardian body.

We encourage parents/guardians to recognise that educating children is a process that is enhanced through positive and respectful relationships between staff, governors, pupils and parents/guardians.

To ensure these relationships can flourish, parents / guardians will understand that such relationships can equip their children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

To that end, the school, staff and governing body strive to welcome and encourage parents/guardians to be proactive in participating in the life of the school.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to provide a guide and reminder to all parents/guardians and visitors to our school on conduct expectations.

This supports the ongoing promotion and development of mutual understanding that will directly support and benefit all pupils.

Guidance

We expect parents/guardians and visitors to:

- . Respect the caring ethos and values of our school.
- . Understand that staff, the governing body and parents/guardians need to work together for the positive benefit of our pupils.
- . Demonstrate that ALL members of our school community are treated respectfully and set good examples in both their speech and actions.
- . Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view quickly should an issue arise, in order to bring about a peaceful solution speedily.
- . Approach the Head to help resolve any concerns they have.
- . Correct own child's behaviour, especially in public, and in line with Great Orton Primary School Behaviour Policy, where it could otherwise lead to conflict or unsafe behaviour.
- . Avoid using staff as threats to admonish a child's behaviour.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, Great Orton Primary School will not tolerate parents/ guardians or visitors exhibiting the following:

- . Any form of aggressive, angry or disruptive behaviour which interferes with or threatens the operation of the classroom, an employee's office (Head/School Administrator) or any other area on school premises.
- . Use loud / offensive words or display temper.
- . Threaten verbal or actual bodily harm to a staff, governor, other parent/guardian, visitor or pupil, regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- . Damage or destroy school property.
- . Send rude, threatening or abusive e mails / texts / voicemail / phone messages or other written communication.
- . Place or voice offensive, defamatory or derogatory comments regarding Great Orton Primary School / staff / governors/ other parents / guardians / pupils on Facebook or other social sites.

ANY CONCERNS parents/guardians have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels – speaking directly to the Head, staff or Chair of Governors, so they can be explored, discussed and acted upon appropriately and with sensitivity and effectively for all parties concerned.

- . The use of physical aggression towards another adult/child.
- . Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss, question or chastise them.

(Such an approach may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences. Refer all concerns or issue directly to the Head/Teacher only).

- . Smoking or consumption of drugs on the school premises.
- . Dogs being brought onto school premises.

Inappropriate use of Social Network Sites

Sadly, social media sites are sometimes used to fuel complaints or grievances against schools, Heads and school staff members.

Our Governing Body considers the use of social media sites being used in this way as completely unacceptable and NOT in the best interests of our school, the pupils and the whole school community.

ANY concerns you have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking with the Headteacher, Class Teacher or Chair of Governors to ensure it is dealt with fairly and effectively.

In the event that any parent/guardian of a child being educated at Great Orton Primary School is found to be posting or has posted libellous or defamatory remarks on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of said network site immediately. All social network sites have clear content rules in respect of postings and they provide mechanisms to report contacts or activity which breaches this.

Great Orton Primary School would expect that any parent/guardian removes all posting immediately.

In serious cases, Great Orton Primary School will also seek Cumberland Council's legal advice as to whether to pursue further legal options to deal with this misuse.

Additionally, and just as importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child, parent or guardian to publically castigate or humiliate another through inappropriate social network entries.

Great Orton Primary School would deal with this as a serious school bullying incident.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on Great Orton Primary School premises, the school may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and this may lead to a ban on the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

We trust that parents/guardians and visitors will assist our school with the implementation of this policy.

We expect that parents/guardians make all persons responsible for collecting their children aware of this policy.

We thank you for your continued support and request you complete the Agreement Slip at the back of this document as soon as possible and return it directly to Great Orton School Office.



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Parent / Guardian Conduct Agreement

I have read and understood the schools Conduct Policy for Parents/Guardians and will abide by the policy and procedures detailed in it.

I accept that failure to do so may result in subsequent action on the part of the school.

Parent/Guardian of: _____

(Your children's names)

Parent/Guardian:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: