

Abbey Primary School

Ysgol Gynradd Abbey



Parental Conduct Policy

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Rights Respecting Children

Article 15 – Freedom of Association
Article 28 – The Right to Education



Parental Conduct

At Abbey Primary School we are most fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process involving partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about expected conduct. This is so that we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding, and ensure that our children feel safe here at Abbey Primary School.

Children's View:

As children we expect:

- To feel safe in school
- Not to be shouted at by other people's parents
- Not to feel intimidated by any adult
- To be treated with respect
- To be listened to
- To be surrounded by positive role models who support us

Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring ethos of our school
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school will not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including team matches, after school clubs.

- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Threatening or violent behaviour to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding any of the pupils/parent/staff at the school made on social media sites (See Appendix 1). Any concerns or complaints you may have about the school should be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors so that they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. Where concerns are not resolved parents are reminded that the school has a formal complaints policy which may be used at any time.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

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

Appendix 1

Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of Abbey Primary School considers the use of social media websites 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, the Headteacher 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/carer of a child/ren being educated in Abbey Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will 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 their sites and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare. We expect parents to make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.