

# St Peter's Catholic Primary School



## Code of Conduct for Parents and Visitors

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Overview of Policy for Review	
Origin of Policy	The Key website and from another Catholic Primary School
New/existing Policy	New policy
All changes tracked	N/A as new policy

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At St Peter's Catholic Primary School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves 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 to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

### **Guidance**

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

- Respect the Catholic 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 you resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to manage their own children's behaviour.

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, the school reception and office area or any other office/work space or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language, displaying temper or aggression.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent or student 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.
- Defamation of the school's or staff character on Facebook or other social sites.
- 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 their actions towards their own child due to something that occurred during school hours. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences). Any concerns you have please raise them with the class teacher.

**Other Behaviours:**

- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs. Please note the school holds licensed events when alcohol may be consumed.
- Cycling or using the scooter on school premises.
- Dogs, other than guide dogs, being brought on to school premises.

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

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