



Code of Conduct for Parents Policy



At Benhurst, 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, staff and the school community. As a partnership, our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the skills and knowledge setting them up for the rest of their lives. At Benhurst we 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 the expected conduct to ensure all children at Benhurst flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Guidance

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

- Respect and uphold the values, golden rules and ethos of our school.
- Understand the importance of the partnership between school and home.
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect.
- Seek a member of staff to 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:

- Using language that could be perceived as aggressive or threatening to any member of our school community
- Demonstrating aggression or disruptive behaviour within the school community
- Using social media to share negative comments about the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff (See Appendix 1).
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss any incident.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises, the school may contact the appropriate authorities and where necessary issue site bans to safeguard all members of our school community.

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 Network Site

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Head teachers, school staff and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors at Benhurst consider 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 or a member of the leadership team, 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 at Benhurst is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on a social network site, 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 the site 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.

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