

Stradbroke Primary Parental Conduct Policy



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Parental Conduct Policy

Rationale

We believe staff, parents, carers and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

Aim

Our aim is that all members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Expectations

- That adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- That no members of staff, parents / carers or children are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other adults on the school premises, on the telephone or via social media.
- Physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written, to staff, governors, parents and carers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and will result in withdrawal of permission to be on school premises.
- Any parent who is asked to leave the school premises will have the right to appeal the decision by writing to the Chair of Governors.

Rationale

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable and will not be tolerated towards any member of the school community:

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom or an employee's office
- Using loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying a loss of temper
- Inappropriate posting on Social Networking sites deemed as bullying
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Being physically intimidating , e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Pushing
- Hitting e.g. slapping, punching or kicking
- Spitting
- Causing any public nuisance

Please also note that **approaching someone else's child in order to discuss with that child an incident or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child is unacceptable.**

Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences.

Incidents of rudeness will be logged with the Chair of Governors. Unacceptable behaviour may result in the Police being informed.

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to any form of abuse.

School premises are private property and parents have been granted permission from the school to be on school premises. However, in case of breaches of school policies and/or abuse or threats to staff, pupils or other parents/carers, school may remove the rights of parents/carers or other members of the public to enter the premises.

Parents will be warned regarding their conduct verbally and/or in written form, and in extreme cases, as deemed appropriate by the headteacher, they may have their rights to be on school premises revoked with immediate effect.

It is also an offence under section 547 of the Education Act ~~1997~~ 1996 for any person (including a parent) to cause or permit a nuisance or disturbance to the annoyance of persons who lawfully use and are on school premises. The police may be called to assist in removing the person concerned.

School is not responsible for organising arrangements for children in the above circumstances event of parents or carers losing their permission to use the school site. Parents will need to provide alternative arrangements for bringing children into school.

Parents have the right of appeal by writing to the Chair of Governors within ten days of permission to enter the school premises being withdrawn.

School is not responsible for either the behaviour of children, once they are in the care of their parents/carers, or the conduct of parents or carers themselves as well as other adults, outside of the school premises unless it is to purposely disrupt or upset those using the school site.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and for conducting yourselves in a suitable manner in and around the school at all times.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher and Governors to monitor and review this policy annually.