



DEDWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of conduct for parents, carers and other visitors to the school

RATIONALE

At Dedworth Middle School we are fortunate to have supportive, friendly and responsible parents. Our parents/carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves a partnership between home and school and understand the importance of a good working relationship to enable children to develop the skills, understanding and knowledge they need to equip them for the next stage in their learning and to become good citizens. For these reasons 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 expected conduct so that we can work together a safe and positive school environment for our children and staff.

RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS AND THEIR RIGHTS

This guidance supports implementation of the home-school agreement. We expect parents and carers to show respect and concern for others by:

- supporting the respectful ethos of our school by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community
- working together with teachers and other staff for the benefit of the children. This includes approaching the school to resolve any issues of concern and to discuss and clarify events in order to bring about a satisfactory solution
- correcting own child's behaviour, especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour
- respecting school rules and the school environment, including keeping the school tidy and not dropping litter
- following the parking rules and doing the right thing when dropping off or collecting children
- following safety rules, such as not allowing children to play on school equipment before or after school hours

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT A PEACEFUL AND SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT THE SCHOOL CANNOT TOLERATE:

- disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, the office area or any other part of the school grounds
- use of loud and/or offensive language such as swearing or displaying temper or violence
- threatening harm or the use of physical aggression towards any adult or child. This includes approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them and physical punishment of your own child on school premises. (Some actions may constitute an assault with legal consequences)
- damaging or destroying school property
- smoking or the consumption of drugs or alcohol in school grounds or accessing the school site whilst intoxicated

The above behaviours on school premises will be reported to the appropriate authority and governors may prohibit an offending adult from entering school grounds to safeguard our school community.

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