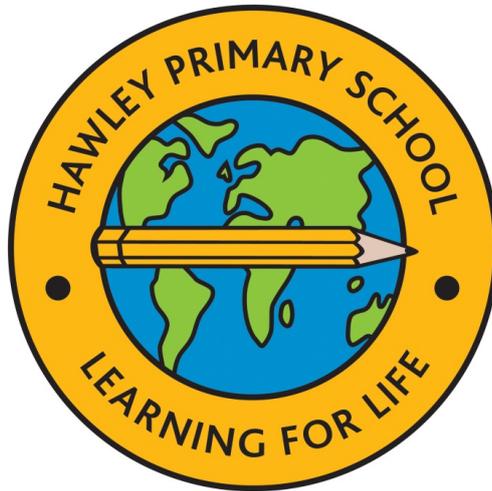


HAWLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. Purpose and scope

At Hawley Primary, we believe it's important to:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents
- Always model appropriate behaviour for our pupils
- Conduct all interactions in line with our school core value: Respect

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the Staff Code of Conduct) and pupils (through our Positive Relationships and Behaviour Policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school team to work collaboratively with parents by setting guidelines and expectations on appropriate behaviour including the use of social media.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
- Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or child-minders)

2. Our expectations of parents and carers

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupil
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues by supporting school policy
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern
- Share positive school experiences on social media. Please avoid posting negative comments that could harm the school's reputation or the well-being of students and staff. Any concerns should be raised directly with the school through the appropriate channels, not on social media platforms
- Do not post images or personal information about students other than your own children without consent, thus respect privacy and confidentiality
- When participating in online discussions, whether on the school's official pages or private groups, maintain a respectful tone and avoid inflammatory language

3. Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- Swearing, or using offensive language
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents

- Threatening another member of the school community
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media
- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on any social media platforms
- Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises
- Aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
- Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention
- Smoking or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Breaching school security procedures
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs)

4. Breaching the code of conduct

If the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent about the incident.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the school may then:

- Send a warning letter to the parent
- Invite the parent into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from Hampshire County Council Legal Team regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Ban the parent from the school site

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the headteacher.

The headteacher will consult the chair of governors before banning a parent from the school site.