

## The Federation of Sibertswold CE and Eythorne Elvington CP Primary Schools

### **Conduct of Parents**

At Sibertswold C of E and Eythorne Elvington Primary Schools 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/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. 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, carers and visitors to:-

Respect the caring 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.

Approach the school to help 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 cannot tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:**

Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any area of the school grounds including team matches.

Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.

Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil 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.

Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school or within the school grounds to other parents.

Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head Teacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishments against your own child on school premises.

Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss, chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).

Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.

Dogs being brought onto 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.**

#### **The Law – The right for the Head teacher to ban parents from the school site**

Under law (Section 547, Education Act 1996) the Head teacher can withdraw the right of any individual to be on the school premises: this includes parents and carers. A parent/carer of a child attending a school normally has implied permission, from the Head teacher, to be school premises at certain times and for certain purposes. However, if their behaviour is 'unreasonable' this permission may be withdrawn and the individual banned from the school site. Any decision to ban a parent/carer will be made by the Schools Governing Body. At this point, entry by that person on the school site will be deemed 'trespass' and prosecutable by law.

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.