

PENLLERGAER PRIMARY SCHOOL



PARENTAL CONDUCT POLICY *Ysgol Gynradd Penllergaer*

Penllergaer Primary School Parental Conduct

At Penllergaer School we are most fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process involving partnerships between parents, governors, staff 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 of adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents and 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. This is so that we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding, and ensure that our children feel safe in our school.

Children's View:

As children we expect –

- To feel safe in school
- Not to be shouted at by other peoples' parents.
- Not to feel intimidated by an adult.
- To be treated with respect.
- To be listened to.
- To be surrounded by positive role models who support us.

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 all our children.
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community are treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the schools view to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct a child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using the 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:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of school grounds including team matches and after school clubs.
- Using loud/ offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.



- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, carer or parent regardless of whether or not, the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening emails or text/ voicemail/phone messages/social media or other written communication.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff at the school on Facebook or any other social media sites (Appendix 1). 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 child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
- Smoking or consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities (local authority legal team, staff unions etc), including the police and if necessary, ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

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

Agreed by governors:

Signed.



Appendix 1

Inappropriate use of social networking sites

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteacher, School staff and in some cases other parents and pupils. The governors of Penllergaer Primary school consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interest 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, the Head Teacher or the Chair of Governors so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

If any pupil or parent/ carer of a child/ren being educated in Penllergaer Primary school is found to be libelous or making defamatory comments on facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. In addition, the school will log the incident with the local authority and take legal advice. Individual staff involved are at liberty to seek advice from their Trade Unions. All social networks have clear rules about content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. The school will expect such comments are removed immediately.

Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

We expect parents to make all persons collecting children aware of this policy.

