West Kirby Grammar School

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers when visiting the School

Administration Use:	
Statutory/Non-Statutory:	Non Statutory
Website:	Yes
Review:	Every two years
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Next Review Date:	Summer 2027

At West Kirby Grammar School we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent/carer body. Our parents/carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents/carers, teachers, support staff and the school community. As a partnership, our parents/carers 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 code is to provide a reminder to all parents and carers visiting our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and develop in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

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.

Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we expect parents and carers to:

- Understand that both school staff, visitors and parents/carers need to work together for the benefit of all students.
- 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.

Some of the school's expectations are:

- Adults should set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and wider community.
- No members of staff, parents/carers or children should be subjected to abusive behaviour or threats from other adults on the school premises.

The policy also outlines the types of behaviour that will be considered unacceptable, including:

- Posting remarks on social networking sites which would be deemed as bullying;
- Defamation of the school's or staff character on social networking sites;
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication;
- The use of aggressive hand gestures;
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person. Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of their actions 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);
- Using loud, offensive language, swearing or displaying temper;
- Spitting;
- Racist, homophobic, transphobic or sexist comments;
- Smoking or vaping, and consumption of alcohol (other than that consumed at a formal event organised by school or another third party, such as the PTA) or other drugs;
- Damaging or destroying school property.

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.

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.

This policy should be read in conjunction with our 'Information for Visitors' sheet – available from reception.