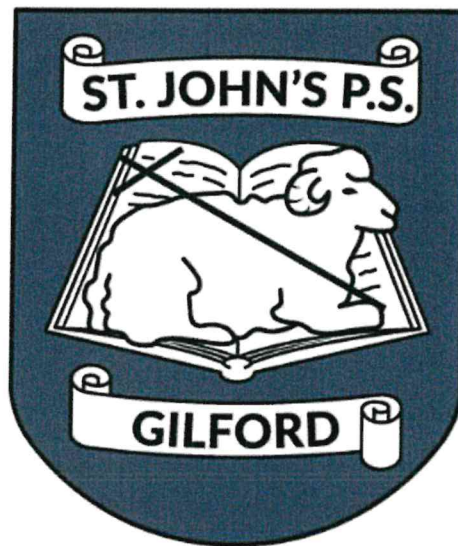


St. John's Primary School Gilford



Parent Code of Conduct Policy

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Signed: Patricia Gallagher
(Chair of Governors)

Date: 13-06-23

At St. John's P.S, we are extremely fortunate to have many supportive and friendly parents who fully support our school. Our parents recognise that educating children effectively is a process that involves a strong partnership between parents, staff, and the wider school community. We welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

This code of conduct reminds all parents and carers about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to fulfil our vision to enable our children to *Aspire for excellence, Enjoy Learning, Achieve Success and Challenge ourselves further.*

The purpose of this code of conduct is to provide the expectations around the conduct of all parents, carers and visitors connected to our school.

Our Home School Agreement provides the basis for parent/ carer support; however, we also ask that the following guidelines are followed when in school:

- Respect our school ethos whenever on school premises or communicating with the school.
- Understand that school staff and parents need to work together for the benefit of our children.
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with tolerance and respect and therefore set a good example in speech, conduct and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to resolve an issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour especially where it could lead to conflict or unsafe behaviour.
- Respectfully approach a member of school staff to help resolve any concerns, addressing initially with the child's class teacher then speaking to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if it has not been resolved.

We are committed to resolving difficulties in a constructive manner, through an open and positive dialogue. However, we understand that everyday misunderstandings can cause frustrations and have a negative impact on our relationships. Where issues arise or misconceptions take place, please contact your child's teacher or the Headteacher, who will be available to meet with you and go through the issue and hopefully resolve it. Where issues remain unresolved, please follow the school's complaints procedure. This is available on the school website or a copy can be requested from the school office.

This code aims to clarify the types of behaviour that will not be tolerated and seeks parental agreement to these expectations.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents or carers:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the school's normal operation or activities anywhere on the schools premises.
- Disturbing school staff and trying to speak to them whilst they are supervising children.
- Breaching school security procedures, e.g. entering any parts of school without permission.
- Displaying aggressive or disruptive behaviour of any kind which interferes with or threatens to interfere with our school.
- Using loud or offensive language.
- Threatening any school staff, governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer, or pupil.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Using physical aggression towards any adult or child.
- Smoking/vaping or consuming alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Approaching someone else's child to discuss the actions of this child towards their own (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
- Dogs being brought on to the school premises (other than guide dogs).
- Defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff/governors at the school on Facebook or other sites.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises, or in connection with school, the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities or consider banning the offending adult from entering the school premises.

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