



Wrightington
Mossy Lea
Primary School



S.T. GEORGE'S
Church of England
Primary School



From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow

Parent Visits (Inc Child Protection) Policy - Parent Code of Conduct

Approved by:

Full Governing Board

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"Be determined and confident as God will be with you", inspiring you to "learn, care and share through work, play and prayer". Deuteronomy 31:6

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1. Purpose and scope

At St George's and Mossy Lea 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
- Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils at all times

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 behaviour policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school work together with parents by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour. This policy can be used for any type of Parent Visit to school.

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 pupils
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- Not to raise their voice at all
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern
- Not to swear
- Not to show any type of aggression or annoyance that children could interpret as frightening, rude or aggressive – this includes shouting at staff

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 social media platforms
- Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises
- Any 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)
- Bringing weapons onto school

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 our legal team regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Ban the parent from the school site
- If the purpose of your visit to school is to facilitate family time, then this will cease with immediate effect and will not resume.

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.

Expectations of adults attending for contact sessions

Aim of the contact session

The aim of the contact is to ensure that all parties are safe, secure and respectful. Our primary area of concern are the children in a Primary School who should be free from witnessing swearing, shouting any forms of aggression.

Rooms will be provided.

If at any time you consider yourself to be at risk or feel intimidated by any member of the staff/visitors or other service users then please calmly leave the school, and then put your concerns in writing to either the headteacher, or chair of governors.

Contact

In order for contact to progress, it should be agreed that no-one involved in this contract will make threats or be violent towards another person or object.

Confidentiality

Service users should be aware that any information given by themselves to any member of the staff during contact sessions may be shared with significant professionals, and incorporated within reports available to Child Protection Conferences, Reviews or Court proceedings.

Safety

Should any person attending the contact sessions consider to be under the influence of illicit substances or deemed to be a risk to self or others, then the session may NOT take place.

Lancashire County Council operates a NO smoking policy within its establishments and grounds.

Attendance

Contact sessions will only be made available to those people identified in the plan.

Visits must be agreed, a week in advance, in writing, which could include text, or email.

It is important that any person attending contact will be expected to arrive on time for the session and depart the school at the agreed time.

Should any person for emergency reason be unable to attend contact there is no need to contact school, as the session cannot be re arranged, or delayed. Visits must be made a week in advance.

Any person attending contact should ensure that they cause no distress or show any adverse behaviour which will affect their child(ren) or any other person in the establishment.

If at any stage during the contact sessions should the headteacher, or his representative become concerned then this will lead to termination of the sessions. These concerns would be discussed with you and the social worker before contact resumes.