



# Simonside Primary School

## Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

At Simonside Primary School, we value our strong relationship with parents and carers. Together this helps us achieve the very best for the children in a mutually supportive partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community.

As a partnership, our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip their children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continually welcome and encourage parents or carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

To truly create the best outcomes for children requires the relationship between home and school to be based on the principles of care, integrity, trust and mutual respect. The maintenance of this relationship is important to ensure that a child or children are safe (please read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy) and not open to undue distress or anxiety.

### Guidance

Parents, carers and visitors are reminded:

- To respect the caring ethos and values of the school
- That both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children
- To approach school staff for help to resolve an issue
- That all members of the school community must be treated with respect using appropriate language

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors exhibiting the following:

- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites (See Appendix 1).
- The use of physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child.
- Smoking or the consumption of alcohol on school premises.

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

Thank you for abiding by this policy and helping us to create a positive and uplifting environment not only for the children but also all who work and visit our school.

Note: Can parents please ensure they make all persons responsible for collecting their children aware of this policy.

### **Inappropriate use of Social Network Site**

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Head Teachers, school staff and in some cases, other parents or pupils.

The Department for Education/Government and Governors of Simonside Primary School considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable. Any concerns you may have about the school or your child/children must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to a member of staff (please see our Complaints Policy for more details) where they will be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

### **Libellous or Defamatory Posts**

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/children at Simonside Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanism to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately,

### **Cyber Bullying**

We take very seriously the use of cyber bullying by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We take and deal with this as a serious incident of bullying. The school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse on social networking sites.