

## Parent Code of Conduct

At Fulwood 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
- Model our Values, We Care, We Challenge, We Commit 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.

- 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)

### 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
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern

### Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- Abusive, or using offensive language at members of staff, pupils, other parents or members of the community
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils, other parents or members of the community
- Threatening members of staff, pupils, other parents or members of the 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
- 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
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs)

### 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 the trust's legal team] regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Ban the parent from the school site
- 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.

This document works in conjunction with the Home School Agreement, where parents will:

- Ensure their child attends the academy every day, on time, in correct uniform and properly equipped for learning
- Support the School by promoting the values of We Care, We Challenge, We Commit in the home and attending parents' events and induction sessions offered by the school.
- Arrange all medical and dentist appointments after school or during holiday time to ensure my child does not miss any learning time.
- Organise family holidays outside of term time so that no learning in school is missed.
- Inform the academy of any concerns or problems that may affect your child's work, behaviour or attendance
- Support the academy policies on learning, behaviour, dress and appearance
- Support the academy homework policy and encourage other home learning opportunities
- Attend all Parents' Evenings and consultations concerning your child progress or behaviour
- Take an active interest in life at Fulwood Academy and the part your child plays in it.

**By choosing to send your child to Fulwood Academy you agree to abide by the Parent Code of Conduct and Home School Agreement.**