## **Forty Hill CE Primary School Code of Conduct:**

## **Parents/Carers and Other Visitors to School**



Forty Hill Church of England Primary School is a welcoming, supportive and inclusive school and we have a supportive and friendly parent body. We value when all members of the school community work together.

Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves a partnership between parents, staff and the whole school community. As part of that partnership our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship in order to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about their expected conduct. This is so we can continue to enable children to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Our school Vision and Values applies to the whole school community, and we expect all parents, carers, and visitors to our school to support and demonstrate these at all times.





## Guidance

Parents and carers are allowed on to school premises by permission of the school: we reserve the right to withdraw this permission if necessary.

We expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- 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.
- Listen to both a child's version of events and the school's view to help bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct their own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.

- Park carefully and in good time for the safety of the children, yourself, and all road users, by avoiding parking, waiting, or stopping in areas presently indicated by "zigzags," double yellow lines or in front of the school's gates or resident's drives, which must be always kept clear. Forty Hall or Jesus Church Car Park are the nearest places to park safely.
- Not bring animals onto school grounds (including the Meadow) for health and safety reasons unless it is for educational purposes and with the express prior permission from the Head Teacher. (Dogs can be tied up at the railings by the staff car park or by the entrance to the Meadow by the church.)

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office or any other area of the school grounds.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, blasphemy, using profane language or displaying temper.
- Making comments on school premises, via email or on parent WhatsApp group which are derogatory towards protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation).
- Threatening to harm a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications.
- Defamation of the school or staff character on Facebook or other social networking sites or using social media (including parent WhatsApp groups) to single out, intimidate or fuel disagreements.
- Using physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Approaching someone else's child to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards your own child/ren.
- Not taking photographs, videos or recording of meetings on school premises or during school events, unless given permission by the Headteacher.
- Smoking, Vaping and consumption of alcohol or other drugs.

The Headteacher is expected by the Governing Body of the school to be responsible for the wellbeing of the whole school community, pupils, staff, and visitors included. Staff, pupils and other parents and visitors must not be exposed to unacceptable behaviour from any visitor to the school no matter how frustrated or upset they may be. Should any of the above behaviours occur on school premises the Headteacher will take whatever action is necessary to prevent it happening again. This may include restricting access to the school site in some circumstances.

We trust that parents and carers will help in implementing this policy and we thank you for your continuing support.

Forty Hill Primary School Governing Body December 2023