

# KILLEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## **Parent Code of Conduct Policy**

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At Killen Primary School, we are extremely fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children effectively is a process that involves partnership between parents, staff and the wider school community.

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

The purpose of this document is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. At Killen Primary our mission statement is "To create a happy, secure and stimulating environment in which all members of the school community can grow in confidence and develop to their full potential" and we expect parental and staff conduct to model this for our children at all times.

## Guidance

This code of conduct reminds all parents and carers about the expected conduct.

- 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.
- 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 Principal if it has not been resolved.

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

- 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, disruptive, disrespectful behaviour of any kind which interferes with or threatens to interfere with our school.
- Using loud or offensive language either in person or via telephone calls.
- 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 or consuming alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss the actions of this child towards their own.

*Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises, school leaders are likely to ask the parent/ carer not to return to school premises and may decide it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities to take further action.*

### **Persons Causing Nuisance / Disturbance on School Premises**

Section 547 of the Education Act 1996

School premises are private property and parents have been granted permission from the school to be on school premises. However, in case of abuse or threats to staff, pupils or other parents, school may ban parents from entering school.

It is also an offence under section 547 of the Education Act 1996 for any person (including a parent) to cause a nuisance or disturbance on school premises. The police may be called to assist in removing the person concerned.

School is not responsible for organising arrangements for children in the above circumstances. Parents will need to provide alternative arrangements for bringing children into school.

### **Inappropriate use of Social Media:**

Social Media is increasingly being used to inappropriately deal with complaints about schools or to publicly campaign or bring an issue to the attention of the public. Any defamatory, offensive, derogatory comments or cyber bullying regarding Killen Primary School or any of the staff/governors at our school on Facebook or other social sites

will be taken very seriously. It will be expected that any comments deemed inappropriate are removed immediately, otherwise the school will have no option other than to seek legal advice.

**Online activity which we consider inappropriate:**

- Identifying or posting images/videos of children
- Abusive or personal comments about staff, governors, children or other parents
- Bringing the school in disrepute
- Posting defamatory or libellous comments
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff or children
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children or members of staff
- Threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff, or using bad language
- Breaching school security procedure.

At our school we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately in line with the actions outlined above. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

We would expect that parents would make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.

Please note, Seesaw messages sent after 4.30pm and during periods of school closure including weekends will not be responded to until the next working day.

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

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