

RBK FEDERATION

Parent and Carer Agreement

Ripley Endowed CE, Beckwithshaw, Kettlesing Schools



"At the Federation of Beckwithshaw, Kettlesing Felliscliffe and Ripley CE Primary Schools, we aim to provide a community of compassion; a place where all children are courageous and grow together, guided by love."

Community – Compassion – Courage

At the Federation of Ripley Endowed CE, Beckwithshaw and Kettlesing Schools, we believe pupils learn best in a safe and supportive environment based on respect and trust and underpinned by an effective partnership between parents, staff and the school community. High standards of respect and behaviour are expected of all stakeholders. The positive support of parents and carers is needed and highly valued by the Federation. This 'Parent and Carer Agreement' has been adopted and agreed by the school's governing body. It provides a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the conduct expected of them. It sets out both what they should aim to do, and conduct which will not be tolerated. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding where we grow together, guided by love.

This code complements the school's 'Complaints Policy' which is designed to handle parental concerns or complaints in a sensitive and mutually supportive manner (see the school website, or contact the school's offices).

Expectations

We expect parents, carers to:

- Work together with school staff for the benefit of their children
- Treat all members of the school community with respect using appropriate language without raised voices
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern
- Where appropriate, clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Promote good behaviour of your own children at all times, especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour

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

- Disruptive or other inappropriate behaviour which interferes with the safe running of the school and its activities
- Approaching another parent or child in order to discuss or chastise them because of an issue between the children (such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences) – please talk to a member of staff to resolve problems
- Using loud or offensive language or displaying temper
- Threatening, in any way, a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil
- Using physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child, including physical punishment of your own child on school premises
- Any other behaviour, verbal or otherwise, which could be considered to be inappropriate, offensive, or abusive
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails, text/voicemail/phone messages, or other written communications to anyone within the school community
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/carers/staff at the school on Facebook or other social media platforms, inclusive of Whats App groups.
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Smoking, vaping, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises (alcohol may only be consumed during authorised events)
- Taking photographs with phones or other devices on school premises without permission from the school
- Recording conversations with staff - in person or on the phone, using mobile phones or other devices, without permission from the school

If we are unable to resolve issues in a reasonable manner, the school may have to restrict parents/carers/visitors from entering the school grounds, and in extreme cases we may need to involve the police. We trust that parents, carers and visitors will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school. We ask that parents and carers ensure they make all persons responsible for collecting their children aware of this policy.

Inappropriate use of Social Network Sites

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, head teachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/carers or pupils. The governors consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole Federation community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the head teacher or the chair of governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Libelous or Defamatory Posts

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child being educated at the Federation is found to be posting libelous 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 mechanisms to report content 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 issue of cyber bullying by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare. In serious cases the Federation will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Recordings taken at Federation events No recordings made at

Federation events by parents/carers or visitors should be shared on any social media site. Recordings shared by the school on such sites may be used, as staff will have ensured that they are safe to publish on social media. It is assumed that all members of the school community have read, understood and agreed to this policy.

Respectful Communication Commitment

All communication with staff, governors, parents and pupils should be conducted respectfully and professionally. Aggressive, abusive or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated.

Shared Commitment

Together we will create a caring, aspirational and inclusive community where every child is known, valued and able to flourish and where we grow together, guided by love.

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