



Parents' Code of Conduct.

PEGASUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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At Pegasus Primary School, we have supportive and friendly parents. Our parents know that to educate children well there must be partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. Our parents see the importance of good working relationships to give children the skills, knowledge, and understanding they need for the next step in their lives.

We actively encourage parents to take part fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to all parents, carers, and visitors to our school about the conduct we expect.

Guidance

Alongside the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we expect parents, carers, and visitors to:

- Respect the ethos & culture of our school
- Understand that teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children
- Show that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue



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- Correct 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
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including team matches
- Using loud and/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, councillor or trustee, visitor, fellow parent/carers or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social media sites. Make any concerns you may have about the school through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the vice principal(s), principal or Ninestiles Academy Trust, so concerns are dealt with consistently and in a fair, appropriate and effective way for all concerned
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises



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- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards your own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences)
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property
- Dogs being brought on to school premises

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on school premises the school may feel it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and possibly ban the offending adult from entering the school grounds.

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 Pegasus Primary School.

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



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Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites

People increasingly use social networking sites to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, principals, school staff, and, in some cases, other parents/pupils.

Ninestiles Academy Trust are clear that posting on social media websites in this way is unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Make any concerns you may have about the school through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the vice principal(s), principal or Ninestiles Academy Trust, so concerns are dealt with consistently and in a fair, appropriate, and effective way for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at Pegasus 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. This also applies to third parties, for instance individuals from the wider community. Social network sites have clear rules about the content that can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity that breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil remove such comments immediately.

In serious cases, the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to humiliate publicly another by inappropriate social network entries. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.