

## UNICORN PREPARATORY SCHOOL Section (2) School Management PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT Ref No 2.13

## CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS / GUARDIANS AND OTHER VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

## **RATIONALE**

At Unicorn Preparatory School we are fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves a partnership between home and school and who understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to all parents and visitors to our school regarding expected conduct so that we can work together to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our pupils.

## RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS AND THEIR RIGHTS

We expect parents and carers to show respect and concern for others by:

- supporting the values and ethos of our school by setting a good example in their own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community
- working together with teachers for the benefit of children. This includes approaching the school via the
  correct channels to resolve any issues of concern and to discuss and clarify specific events in order to
  bring about a positive solution
- correcting own child's behaviour, especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour
- respecting the school environment, including keeping the school tidy by not littering.
- adherence to parking rules and traffic guidelines when delivering and collecting children from school.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, the school cannot tolerate:

- disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, an office area or any other part of the school grounds
- using loud and/or offensive language or displays of aggression
- threatening harm or the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them and physical punishment against your own child on school premises. (Some actions may constitute an assault with legal consequences.)
- damaging or destroying school property
- abusive or threatening emails, phone or social network messages
- smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs or accessing the school site whilst intoxicated.
   (Designated areas have been set aside for the consumption of alcohol during special events and these areas should be used for that purpose)
- Parents should refrain from negative comments regarding the school or teachers in the presence of their children, especially if those children are currently pupils of the school
- Parents are encouraged to have a positive attitude towards the school and its family of staff, children and parents when in public
- Parents are encouraged to be involved with the school functions and to show an interest in their child's development

Contravention of the Code of Conduct will be reported to the appropriate authorities and Governors and may prohibit an offending person from entering the school grounds to safeguard our school community.

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