

Abbots Hall Primary Academy



Parent Code of Conduct

Agreed by Governors: March 2025



Next Review Date: March 2026

We use the term 'parent' to refer to anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil, and anyone caring for a child (including grandparents and child-minders).

At Abbots Hall Primary Academy we are committed to working in partnership with parents to support their child's learning. In our school we aim to create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents. To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct), pupils (through our behaviour policy), and parents (through this code of conduct).

We expect parents and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Treat all members of the school community with respect in all forms of communication, including written and verbal conversations
- Refrain from any behaviours or language which might be deemed to be aggressive, abusive or insulting.

In order to create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment, the school can not tolerate parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following behaviours:

- 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
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or student 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 students/parent/staff, at the school on any online sites or Apps.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child.
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

Where parental conduct falls short of our expectations, the school will respond in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of this code of conduct rests with the headteacher.

Please note that school is private property. If it is felt that a parent's aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour or language is a risk to staff or pupils (it is enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened) then the 'implied licence' to come on to school premises can be withdrawn and parents can be barred. In cases such as this, parents have the right to make a complaint via the Complaints Policy.