Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is an unsigned agreement between the Parent, Carer, Visitor

and Mount Carmel Primary School.

At Mount Carmel, we are very proud and fortunate to have a very dedicated and

supportive school community. At our school the staff, governors, parents and carers all recognise that the education of our children is a partnership between us.

We expect our school community to respect our school ethos, keep our school tidy, set a good example of their own behaviour both on school premises and when accompanying classes on school visits.

In addition, we also expect our parents, carers and visitors to keep our children safe by adhering to the school’s request to park safely outside the school gates during morning and afternoon collections.

As a partnership, we are all aware of the importance of good working relationships and all recognise the importance of these relationships to equip our children with the necessary skills for their education. For these reasons we will continue to welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this code of conduct is to provide the expectations around the conduct of all parents, carers and visitors connected to our school.

We are committed to resolving difficulties in a constructive manner, through an open and positive dialogue. However, we understand that everyday misunderstandings can cause frustrations and have a negative impact on our relationships. Where issues arise or misconceptions take place, please contact your child’s teacher or the Headteacher, who will be available to meet with you and go through the issue and hopefully resolve it. Where issues remain unresolved, please follow the school’s complaints procedure. This is available on the school website or a copy can be requested from the school office.

This code aims to clarify the types of behaviour that will not be tolerated and seeks parental agreement to these expectations. The code of conduct also sets out the actions the school can take should this code be ignored or where breaches occur.

Behaviour that will not be tolerated:

* Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the school’s normal operation or activities anywhere on the school premises.
* Any inappropriate behaviour on the school premises.
* Using loud or offensive language or displaying temper.
* Threatening in any way, a member of staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or child.
* Damaging or destroying school property.
* Sending abusive or threatening emails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications (including social media) to anyone within the school community.
* Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff/governors on Facebook or other social media sites
* The use of physical, verbal or written 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. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences)
* Smoking, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises.
* Dogs being brought on to the school premises (other than guide dogs)

Should any of the above occur on school premises or in connection with school the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities or consider banning the offending adult from entering the school premises.

Thank you for abiding by this code in our school. Together we create a positive and uplifting environment not only for the children but also all who work and visit our school. It is important for parents and carers to make sure any persons collecting their children are aware of this policy.

At Mount Carmel, we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately in line with the actions outlined above.