



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL **PARENTAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY.**

Rational

At Thornhill Primary School, we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe, protective environment in which to learn and work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of our school.

Aims

That all members of the school community treat each other with respect.

Expectation

- That adults set a good example at all times, showing others how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- That no members of staff, parent or pupil are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other adults on the school premises.
- Physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language (verbal or written) to staff, governors, parents and carers, pupils and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and will result in permission to be on the school premises being withdrawn.
- Any person who is asked to leave the school premises will have the right to appeal the decision by writing to the Chair of Governors.

Please note all incidents of this nature will be logged.

Persons causing Nuisance / Disturbance on school Premises. **Section 547 of the Education Act 1996.**

School premises are private property and parents have been granted permission from the school to be on school premises. However, in cases of abuse or threats to staff, pupils or other parents, school may ban parents / adults from entering school.

It is also an offence under section 547 of the Education Act 1996 for any person (including a parent) to cause a nuisance or disturbance on school premises. The police may be called to assist in removing the person concerned.

School is not responsible for organising arrangements for children in the above circumstances. Parents will need to provide alternative arrangements for bringing children into school.

Guidelines.

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable and will not be tolerated towards members of the school community include:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Inappropriate posts on Social Networking Sites which could lead the school into disrepute or be deemed as bullying
- Speaking in an aggressive or threatening tone

- Physically intimidating ie standing very close
- The use of threatening hand gestures
- Physical threats
- Swearing, pushing, hitting or spitting
- Racist or sexist comments

Please note these are examples and not an exhaustive list.

Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites.

Social Media Networking Sites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Head Teachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents / pupils.

The Governing Body of Thornhill Primary School 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 school community.

Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, Senior Leader, Head Teacher or the Chair of Governors so that it can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all of those concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent / carer of a child being educated at Thornhill Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on a social network site they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content that can be posted and they provide robust mechanisms to report any activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent / carer or pupil to remove such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking sites and report users to the legal department of RMBC who may commence proceedings.

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