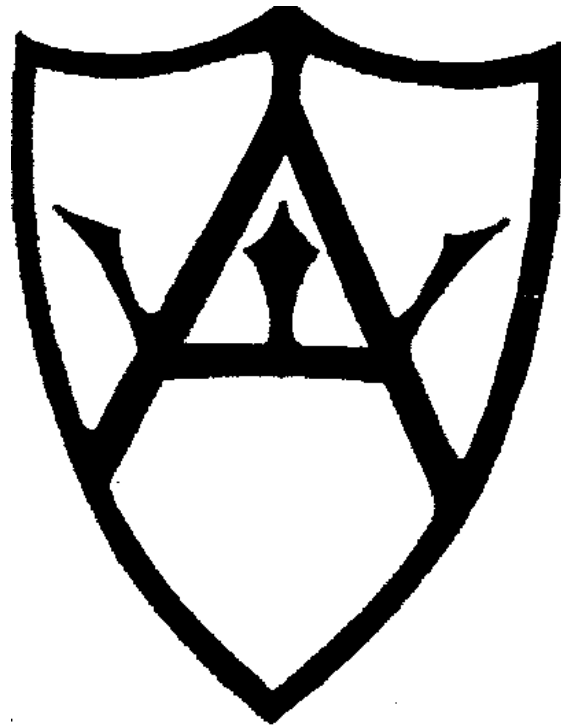


# **Alfriston School**



## **Parent, Carers & Visitors' Code of Conduct**

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### Rationale

Alfriston School is welcoming, supportive and inclusive and it is important that all members of the school community work together. We depend on the entire school community to help us maintain and improve our children's learning.

We are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers. Our parents/carers recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school and 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 the school, through avenues such as parent forums and the Friends of Alfriston School (our PTFA).

The purpose of this code is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors about expected conduct to ensure a safe and positive school environment for our children.

### Respect and Concern for others and their rights

Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on to school premises by permission of the school; this may be withdrawn if necessary.

**We expect parents, carers and visitors to show respect and consideration for others by:**

- Supporting the caring ethos and values of the school
- Working with staff for the benefit of the children
- Approaching school staff for help to resolve an issue in an appropriate manner
- Treating all members of the school community with respect, using appropriate language and behaviour
- Using other strategies rather than using 'staff' as threats to admonish their children's behaviour
- Parking carefully and in good time for the safety of the children, yourself and other road users, and not parking, waiting or stopping in no-parking areas
- Respecting the school environment, including keeping the school tidy by not littering
- Supporting the staff by helping their own children to adhere to the rules of the school
- Allowing plenty of time so that children arrive ready to line up on the playground at the start of the school day, to avoid disruption to their learning and that of others;

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the schools 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 school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carers or pupil.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Sending abusive or threatening emails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications to anyone within the school community.

- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites. (See Appendix 1).
- The use of physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- 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).
- Approaching another parent to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of their child towards their own.
- Smoking, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises. (Alcohol may only be consumed during authorised events).
- Bringing animals onto the school grounds for health and safety reasons, unless for educational purposes and with the prior permission of the school.

Should **any** of the above occur, the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities and/or sadly consider banning the offending adult/s from entering the school premises and partaking in/attending events organised by the school.

Thank you for abiding by this policy 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.

Note: Parents/carers must ensure they make all persons responsible for their children aware of this policy.

## APPENDIX 1

**Inappropriate use of Social Network Site**

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteacher, school staff, and in some cases other parents or pupils.

The Governors of Alfriston School considers the use of social media websites in this way unacceptable. Any concerns you may have about the school or your child/children must be made through the appropriate channels, please see our Complaints Policy and Procedure which is available on the school website.

**Libellous or Defamatory posts** - In the event that any pupil or parents/carers of a child/children at Alfriston School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments of Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carers or pupil removes such comments immediately

**Cyber Bullying** – we take the use of cyber bullying very seriously. Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online through smartphones and tablets ie a child or parent publicly humiliating another by inappropriate social network entries. This will be taken and dealt with as a serious incident of school bullying

The school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse on social networking and other sites.