

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

**Eyres Monsell Primary School has a code of conduct for parents. The purpose is to:**

Provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about their expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress and thrive in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

**The school expects parents and carers to:**

- Respect the caring ethos of the school
- Understand that parents and teachers need to work together for the benefit of children
- Demonstrate in their own behaviour that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and understand that even if there is conflict due to a member of staff's oversight, parents must remain calm and respectful
- Understand that we are all human and will sometimes make mistakes
- Approach school staff to help resolve issues
- Work with the school to build relationships with its staff
- Know that children and staff cannot be moved or redeployed on request of the parent
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Correct their own child's behaviour, especially where it could lead to conflict
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish or discipline their children

**In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school does not tolerate:**

- Disruptive, intimidating, offensive or aggressive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the smooth and safe operation of a classroom, office or other area of school grounds
- Loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, governor, visitor, parent/carer or pupil
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff at the school on social media sites
- The use of physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physically punishing your own child on school premises
- Chastising someone else's child
- Smoking, or consuming alcohol or drugs whilst on school property
- Bringing any pets on to school premises

If any of these behaviours occur the school may contact the appropriate authorities and, if necessary, bar the offending adult from entering school grounds under Section 547 of the Education Act.

### **SOCIAL NETWORK SITES**

We will not tolerate defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school on any social media sites.

Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Head teacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

### **Inappropriate use of Social Network Site**

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of Eyres Monsell Primary considers 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, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at Eyres Monsell Primary School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on 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 contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments/ material immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

We would expect that parents would make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.

Thank you for your cooperation to ensure all children at Eyres Monsell Primary School remain happy, confident and successful.