

ALAMEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL



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PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Alameda Middle School believes it is important to:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents
- Model appropriate behaviour for the pupils at all times

Vision Statement:

At Alameda we are Ambitious to achieve, Motivated to learn and Confident to soar.

In order to support a safe school environment, the school sets clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of the community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and pupils (through the behaviour policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school work together with parents by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

The term 'parents' are to include:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
- Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or child-minders)

2 EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS AND CARERS

Parents, carers and other visitors are reminded to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of the school
- Work together with staff in the best interests of the pupils
- Treat all members of the school community with respect and courtesy
- Communicate in a calm, respectful manner, avoiding aggressive or confrontational behaviour
- To work with the school staff and the pupil in order to bring about a peaceful and appropriate solution to an issue
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct – both on and off the school premises
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern
- Support and adhere to the school policies, rules and regulations
- Use social media responsibly and respectfully when discussing school matters

3 BEHAVIOUR THAT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- Any form of verbal or physical aggression, including shouting, swearing or using offensive or threatening language
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- Threatening another member of the school community

- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, voicemail, phone message, email, social media or other written communications
- Use of offensive, profane, or derogatory language in any form of communication
- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, pupils, staff, parents, governors or any member of its community, on any social media platforms
- Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises
- Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another pupil or adult
- Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention
- Smoking or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Dogs being brought on to school premises (other than guide dogs).

4 BREACHING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

If the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent about the incident.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the school may take the following action:

- Invite the parent into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- Send a letter to the parents outlining the schools' concerns
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from Central Bedfordshire Council regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Ban the parent from the school site

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the headteacher.

Parents and carers should ensure that they make all persons responsible for collection their children from the school aware of this policy.

The Headteacher will consult the Chair of Governors before banning a parent from the school site.