



**St Mary's CE (VC)
Primary School**

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Policy of St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School relating to the behaviour of adults in school.

Introduction

All members of a school community are entitled to be able to work, study or visit without fear of verbal or physical assault so they can enjoy 'life in all its fullness' (John 10: 10). It is the purpose of this policy to promote and support this entitlement and provide guidance to all school stakeholders as to how this might occur.

Underlying Principles

- The relationships between parents/visitors and this school are greatly valued; partnership working is seen as enhancing the education of pupils in the school.
- Parents and visitors are welcome to come into school to discuss matters of concern with members of staff.
- All meetings held in school are by mutual consent.
- All meetings will take place in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.
- School staff and parents/visitors will act reasonably and responsibly in dealing with issues of concern.
- Parents with concerns/complaints about pupils other than their own should not deal with the pupil in question but should address their concerns to a member of school staff.
- All parties will work together to resolve difficulties, even when they relate to matters of a personal nature.
- Parents should allow the school a reasonable period of time to investigate complaints/ concerns, in compliance with the schools complaints procedures.
- Acts of an intimidating or threatening nature will not be tolerated.
- Offensive or abusive language will not be tolerated nor will raising of voices.
- Physical abuse will be not be tolerated and reported to the police.
- The school will not tolerate the use of mobile phones, the email system, and the internet for illegal or inappropriate activities such as citing confidential information about other employees, the school or its customers or suppliers.
- This policy applies on school site and when staff are representing the school off site (for example at sporting events or whilst on Queen Street/Penzer Street on duty).
- The Headteacher (or person acting/deputising as Headteacher) has the right to ask anyone to leave the school site if behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable and refusal may result in the police being called.

Policy

The above principles will be recognised and put into practice in contacts between school and parents. St Mary's operates a Zero Tolerance Policy towards breaches of the above principles.

While school is in session, entry for visitors is restricted to a single point, staffed at all times. When this is not possible, the outside door is kept locked and visitors should ring the entry bell to gain admittance.

Visitors are monitored and are always escorted while on the premises. Many aspects of the school are monitored by CCTV cameras. Hosts are responsible for visitors during their stay.

If a visitor enters the premises and refuses to leave, this behaviour may give rise to a criminal offence. Staff will request the person to leave the premises but should not place themselves in a position of risk. If violence is threatened, if there is a breach of the peace or a likelihood of this, the police will be informed by an emergency call.

Meetings with parents or visitors will be through an appointment system for general enquires, support and advice. However it is recognised that emergency meetings may need to be convened at short notice and in this case all parties will endeavour to meet at the earliest opportunity.

Where parents or visitors do not conduct themselves in an appropriate manner during meetings or discussions the meeting should be terminated and the parent/ visitor asked to leave the premises. Where conduct has been such as to warrant it, the police will be informed. The school will instigate proceedings (through the Legal Services Department) to ban persons acting in such a manner from the school premises.

A record will be maintained in school of all incidents involving intimidating or threatening behaviour towards staff.

The school will notify parents of this policy on a regular basis and display the poster (see back of policy) in prominent positions around the school.

This policy will be reviewed on the cycle of review which the school has adopted.

Addressing Aggressive Behaviour

Behaviour deemed to be aggressive will be addressed in the following way.

- 1st Formal Warning Letter
- Final Formal Warning Letter
- Letter banning parents, carers or visitors from site for a fixed period of time
- Letter banning parents, carers or visitors from site for a **permanently**



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL
NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS, VISITORS AND
CHILDREN AT ST MARY'S CE (VC)
PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a

ZERO TOLERANCE ZONE

Inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff will not be tolerated on these premises.

Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave; they may receive a ban from the premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police.

