



# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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The St Anthony's mission statement is 'Children in our heart, Christ at the centre. We love, we learn and we live.' To live out this mission, we are guided and led by our Catholic ethos that places the Catholic Social Teaching principles of Human Dignity and the Common Good at the heart of our school. We recognise that each of us is unique and loved by God and we are called to lead by example, as Christ did, to show respect and love to every person because each of us is made in the image of God.

At St Anthony's, we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continue to welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

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### 1. Purpose and scope

At St Anthony's, we believe it's 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 our pupils at all times

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and pupils (through our behaviour policy).

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

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil

- › Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or child-minders)

## **2. Our expectations of parents and carers**

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- › Respect the caring ethos, vision and values of our school
- › Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
- › Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- › Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to all issues
- › Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- › Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern
- › Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour
- › Adhere to the school's uniform policy

## **3. Behaviour that will not be tolerated**

- › Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- › Swearing, or using offensive language
- › Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- › Threatening another member of the school community
- › Damaging or destroying school property
- › Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media
- › Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community, on social media platforms
- › Use of physical punishment against your child while on school premises
- › Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
- › Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention
- › Smoking, vaping or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- › Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- › Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than assistance 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 then:

- › Send a warning email/letter to the parent

- Invite the parent into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from our legal team 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.

The headteacher will consult the chair of governors before banning a parent from the school site.

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this Parent Code of Conduct and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.



### Expectations and Protocols for Safe and Appropriate use of Social Networking



St Anthony's is aware that many parents will use class 'WhatsApp groups' and 'Facebook' accounts which are set up by parents in order to share information about what is going on in school. Due to the rising popularity of social networking sites and our busy lives, we understand that this is helpful to many parents and we are happy for these groups to support our community of parents, which in turn helps them to support one another.

We believe it is very important to set a good example to our children in our use of social media at all times.

**Therefore, all parents are expected to join the staff in setting a good example for our children by:**

- Demonstrating courtesy and respect for staff, other parents and pupils when comments are placed on social networking sites.
- Using appropriate language when discussing school, considering comments carefully before writing in an open forum.
- Addressing any issues or concerns regarding school, directly with the staff teams, Headteacher or Governors as the school does not have access to these forums.

**All parents are expected to join the staff in setting a good example for our children by not:**

- Using social media sites to make derogatory comments about staff or other pupils in the class/year group.
- Posting photographs of other people (staff or children) on social networking sites without their permission.
- Discussing individuals or groups of children on social media networking sites.

The use of social media can benefit the school and children if used appropriately. We expect parents to help us to ensure that it is a positive experience for all of our school community.