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ST BERTELINE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROMOTING ACCEPTABLE ADULT VISITOR BEHAVIOUR (INC PARENTS) ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Overview

Schools are private places even though they serve a public function. Parents and guardians of pupils who are on the school roll have an 'implied license' to enter school premises. The headteacher and governors have the power to set out the terms and conditions for this license. The headteacher is legally responsible for the day to day running and organisation of the school and so decides the acceptable standard for the behaviour of adult visitor to the site. A parent's licence to enter the school premises may be withdrawn by the headteacher if they behave in a manner that is harmful to others. The ethos of our school requires all visitors to behave in an acceptable manner when on school premises. On almost all occasions parents, guardians and other visitors are polite, proper and behave in an acceptable manner. On the very rare occasions when the behaviour of a visitor falls below the standard that the school expects the headteacher will act in accordance with this policy.

Objectives

1. To ensure that adults visiting the school behave in a polite and proper manner and that they conduct themselves in an acceptable way.
2. To ensure that all adults including visitors and members of staff are treated properly and respectfully.
3. To protect all in school from intimidating, unreasonable or threatening behaviour.
4. To ensure the safety and welfare of all in school.
5. To ensure that people raise issues or complaints in a polite, proper and acceptable manner.
6. To ensure that there is zero tolerance of raised voices, aggression, threatening language, or other unacceptable conduct on school premises such as being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Strategies

1. If the unreasonable or unacceptable behaviour of a visitor causes concern, the headteacher will ask that person to modify their behaviour and remind them of the standard of behaviour expected of them whilst on the school's premises. If they are unable to comply they will be required to leave and to make an appointment to return when they can conduct themselves in an acceptable manner. On no account will verbal reprimands of other people's children be tolerated.

2. On any occasion where a visitor becomes angry, agitated or aggressive they will be given the opportunity to calm down. If they are unable to calm down they will be required to leave and make an appointment to return when they can conduct themselves in an acceptable manner.
3. To ensure the safety and well-being of those in school the headteacher has the authority to set conditions under which those who have acted against the principles set out in this policy may visit the school on future occasions.
4. The headteacher will speak to or write to any person who has behaved unacceptably setting out the reasons for their action and the conditions under which they may in future enter the school premises.
5. The headteacher will notify the Chair of the governing body and the appropriate LA officer of any situation where restrictions have been applied.
6. If a person enters school premises without the headteacher's permission they will be asked to leave immediately. If they refuse, the police will be asked to remove them and they may risk prosecution under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996.

Outcomes

This policy will ensure that adults visiting the school behave in an acceptable manner. On the very rare occasions where this is not the case the headteacher will use the strategies set out in this policy to ensure that the school's expectations are met. The headteacher has the legal authority to require any person who behaves in an unacceptable manner to leave the premises immediately and to request the police to remove them if they do not leave.