

	<p style="text-align: center;">Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parent Code of Conduct</p>
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Joyfully, unique in Jesus' family, we learn to use our special gifts to love, serve and make the world a better place.

Parent Code of Conduct Policy			
Approval		Board of Governors	
Chairperson	Anna Murphy-Sullivan	Headteacher	Simon Lennon
Date of last review		Date of review	November 2023
Date of next review	November 2024	Maintenance	SSDC Committee

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:2-3

Purpose of this policy

At Corpus Christi, we believe 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 our pupils at all times

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our school 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)

Our expectations of parents and carers

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the Catholic ethos, vision and values of our school
- Work together with staff in the best interests of all our pupils
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a positive example with speech and behaviour
- Seek a peaceful and collaborative solution to all issues
- Correct their own child's behaviour, including online offensive abuse of fellow pupils, (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
- Observe the school policies, protocols including entering the school premises or collecting the child from school or an external event

Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and external events attended by the school i.e. sports matches, parents' evenings)
- Swearing, or using offensive language
- Displaying a temper, raised voices 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, 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 the Senior Leadership Team'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)
- Bringing dogs onto the 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 then:

- Invite the parent into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- Send a warning letter to the parent
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from the local authority and/or external agencies regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Impose restrictions to limit the parent access to the school grounds/external events

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 imposing any restrictions preventing a parent access to the school site.