



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
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'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.'

1 Peter 5:2-3

Purpose of this policy

At Corpus Christi, we recognise parents/carers as the primary educators of their children. We believe it is important to work in positive partnership with parents to support every child's learning. It is our aim to create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents and to 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/carers by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

We use the term 'parents/carers' 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
- Recognise that as a School of Sanctuary we are committed to creating a safe environment where all are welcomed and treated with respect and dignity
- Communicate in a respectful and courteous manner at all times
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events in the light of the wider context in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Seek a peaceful and collaborative resolution should any issues arise
- Work with the school in supporting the children to make the right choices in regards to behaviour
- Follow the complaints policy and procedures correctly should the need arise
- Adhere to the school policies and 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
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or student regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- 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 or outside of school in line with safeguarding policies
- Any form of aggressive behaviour—including physical, verbal, or written—towards staff, children, or other parents
- 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 assistance dogs)

Parents/carers are strongly advised not to contact another parent directly or via social media platform should there be a behavioural incident between their child and another child. It can lead to parental conflict and escalation of the situation. It is better to request a meeting with the class teacher initially and/or a member of SLT to discuss the situation.

4. Breaching the code of conduct

If the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent/carer 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/carer into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the headteacher
- Send a letter of warning to the parent/carer
- 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/carer 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/carer access to the school site.