



Prescot County Primary School
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Parents/Carer Code of Conduct

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Policy for Parents, Carers and Visitors

At our school, we are lucky to have supportive and friendly parents and carers.

As a **UNICEF Rights Respecting School**, we believe in creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment where children can thrive. Educating children is a team effort involving parents, teachers, and the school community. A strong partnership helps children develop important life skills. That's why we encourage parents and carers to take an active role in school life.

This policy serves as a reminder of the behaviour we expect from parents, carers, and visitors. Following these guidelines helps us uphold our ethos of mutual respect and understanding.

Expected Behaviour

We ask parents and carers to:

- Respect our school's caring atmosphere.
- Work together with teachers for the benefit of the children.
- Set a good example through respectful speech and behaviour.
- Communicate calmly with the school to resolve any concerns.
- Guide their child's behaviour, especially in public, to prevent conflicts or unsafe situations.
- Approach the school directly for help with any issues.
- Avoid using staff as a way to discipline their child.

Unacceptable Behaviour

To keep our school safe and welcoming, we do not tolerate:

- Disruptive behaviour that affects school activities.
- Loud, offensive, or aggressive language.
- Threats or physical harm towards staff, parents, visitors, or pupils.
- Damage to school property.

- Abusive or threatening messages (email, phone, social media, etc.).
- Negative or offensive comments about the school or its members on social media.
- Physical aggression, including punishing your own child on school grounds.
- Confronting another child over an issue with your own child.
- Smoking, vaping, drinking alcohol, or using drugs on school property.
- Wearing inappropriate clothing, including items with offensive slogans.
- Bringing dogs onto school premises (except for assistance dogs).

As a **UNICEF Rights Respecting School**, we are committed to ensuring that all children feel safe, valued, and respected. If any of these behaviours occur, the school may involve authorities and may ban the individual from school grounds. We would expect that parents make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this Code of Conduct.

We appreciate your co-operation in making our school a safe, respectful, and supportive place for everyone.

Appendix 1

Inappropriate use of Social Network Site

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of Prescott Primary and Nursery School consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated in Prescott Primary and Nursery School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyberbullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry.

Appendix 2

DfE Guidance

Controlling access to school premises

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1. Who can go onto school premises?

Schools are private property. People do not have an automatic right to enter. Parents have an 'implied licence' to come on to school premises at certain times, for instance:

- for appointments
- to attend a school event
- to drop off or pick up younger children

Schools should set out their rules for this and tell parents what they are. Anyone who breaks those rules would be trespassing.

2. Barring individuals from school premises

Trespassing is a civil offence. This means that schools can ask someone to leave and take civil action in the courts if someone trespasses regularly. The school may want to write to regular trespassers to tell them that they are potentially committing an offence.

Schools can bar someone from the premises if they feel that their aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour or language is a risk to staff or pupils. It's enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened.

The school should tell an individual that they've been barred or they intend to bar them, in writing. Letters should usually be signed by the headteacher, though in some cases the local authority, academy trust or proprietor may wish to write instead. The individual must be allowed to present their side. A school can either:

- bar them temporarily, until the individual has had the opportunity to formally present their side
- tell them they intend to bar them and invite them to present their side by a set deadline

After the individual's side has been heard, the school can decide whether to continue with barring them. The decision should be reviewed within a reasonable time, decided by the school.

The Department for Education (DfE) does not get involved in individual cases.

3. Removing individuals from school premises

Section 547 of the Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a person who is on school premises without legal permission to cause or permit a nuisance or disturbance. Trespassing itself does not constitute a criminal offence.

To have committed a criminal offence, an abusive individual must have been barred from the premises or have exceeded their 'implied licence', then also have caused a nuisance or disturbance.

If a school has reasonable grounds to suspect that someone has committed an offence, then

they can be removed from the school by a police officer or a person authorised by the appropriate authority such as the:

- governing board
- local authority
- proprietor of that school

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-access-to-school-premises/controlling-access-to-school-premises>

WELCOME TO PRESCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL



OUR EXPECTATIONS



Speak to staff with courtesy and respect.



Understand that home and school should work together to benefit the children.



Know that adults are duty bearers for ALL children.



Stay calm - be mindful that your behaviour can affect others.



Trust us. It can be tricky - but we're in this together.

WE ALL NEED TO FEEL SAFE IN OUR SCHOOL.



**UNACCEPTABLE OR OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR
WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. THIS INCLUDES:**



Threatening, intimidating or disruptive behaviour; displaying temper and anger.



Shouting, swearing or using/displaying offensive language.



Unreasonable demands; persistent complaints.



Accusatory or unreasonable comments that are not based on truth, including on social media.



The use of physical aggression towards other children or their families.

Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises, we may find it necessary to **ban** the offending adult from entering the school grounds.