

## *St John's Walworth Primary School*

### *Code of Conduct for all Parents, Carers and Visitors*

St John's is a church school attached to the parish church of St John the Evangelist in Walworth. It is within the Anglo Catholic tradition of the Church of England. The school has a pronounced Christian ethos and works hard to maintain this. The children are taught RE in school, assemblies have a definite Christian bias where Christian prayers are said, and children in the junior classes attend Mass once a fortnight. Parents and carers are expected to have Christian beliefs or a high regard for the principles of a Christian school when they seek a place for their child at St John's. In the same way we expect all the school staff, the children, Governors and visitors to the school to respect the Christian ethos and help maintain the high standards of behaviour that we expect.

The school policy on this is clearly laid out in the Mission Statement:

*It is our aim that all children will*

- ✠ *Respond to Christian values nurtured within our school*
- ✠ *Develop a desire to learn and achieve*
- ✠ *Be able to apply knowledge and skills in a variety of ways*
- ✠ *Show mutual respect and tolerance for all, valuing self and others, and be aware of their environment and care for it.*

The Governors expect all adults to support this Mission Statement and to observe the school rules. The children should be able to look up to all visiting adults (parents, carers and general visitors) as examples of good behaviour.

Children naturally look to adults for guidance so it is imperative that parents and carers especially should set a good example of right behaviour and instil in their children the proper way to behave. This will improve the social ethos of the school and thereby improve the quality of education for all the children.

Very occasionally parents or carers have displayed unacceptable behaviour in school. This is not a new experience. It was not acceptable in the past and it is certainly not acceptable now.

In future all instances of unacceptable behaviour by parents or carers or visiting adults will be reported immediately to the Chair of Governors. Such instances will be reported to the full Governing body at their next meeting. Further action will be taken. This further action may include the person responsible being called before a Governors panel to explain their behaviour, it may mean them being banned from the school premises at all times, or it could mean being banned from the vicinity of the school. All these actions are possible within the remit of the Governing body, in conjunction with proper legal processes, and will be used whenever necessary.

If parents or carers have a grievance they should follow the set procedures for dealing with it. In the first instance the approach should probably be made to the class teacher; beyond this an interview can be arranged, with the headteacher or assistance head in his absence, by appointment. Arrangements may be made through the school office. Beyond this, redress to the Chair of Governors, Father John Walker, can be made at any time. In all instances the approach should be made in a sensible and civilised way.

If a grievance is to be sorted out it will be impeded, not helped, by aggressive or threatening behaviour.

All complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the Governors' grievance procedures as published in the school prospectus.

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Fr John Walker, Chair of Governors  
The Governing Body, St John's Walworth CE Primary School