



Advice to Parents' and Visitors to Avoid Incidents and Risks.

Thank you for helping our school to be a place of welcome, respect and calm. We ask all parents, guardians, carers and visitors, whilst on school premises, always to support the high standards in approach, courtesy and behaviour set across the school. To protect these standards, we list below some possible examples of incidents or risks that cannot be accepted by the school.

1. As a Catholic school we cannot accept actions and behaviour that includes:

- Disruption that interferes with work inside or outside or in the grounds of the school.
- Threats made to hurt or harm a member of staff, governor, pupil, parent or visitor, regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence
- Damage or spoiling of school property or threats to do so
- Offensive language, swearing, cursing, profanities or anti-social behaviour
- Abusive or threatening e-mails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written and/or electronic communication
- Videoing or recording meetings or conversations without the school's knowledge or agreement.
- Defamatory, malicious or offensive comments regarding the school or its pupils/parent/staff at the school or on social media sites. (See 2 below.)
- Physical aggression towards another adult or child, including physical punishment against your own child on school premises
- Approaching another parent/guardian/carer's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (This could have legal consequences)
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol, drugs, or in possession of, whilst on school property

2. Inappropriate use of Social Network Sites

Some social media websites are being used to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, headteachers and staff, and in some cases parents/pupils. The Governing Body at our school considers the use of social media websites in this way as unacceptable and against the school's values and the best interests of the children and the whole school community.

If a pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated in our schools is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on any social network sites, we are bound to report it under 'report abuse' section of the network site. A parent or pupil would be expected to remove 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. Cyber bullying by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another will be treated and dealt with as a serious incident of bullying by the school.

Should **any** of the above behaviours occur on school premises the school may contact the appropriate authorities and may refuse the offending person(s) entry to the school grounds?

We trust that parents and carers will help to implement this policy to benefit everyone and thank you for your continuing and dependable support for the school.

Agreed by the Governing Body:

Date: