

## **Bullers Wood School for Boys**

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

At Bullers Wood School for Boys, we are extremely fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body. Our parents recognise that educating their sons effectively is a process that involves a strong partnership between parents, staff and the wider school community. For these reasons, we welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in the life of Bullers Wood School for Boys.

The purpose of this code of conduct is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors about expected conduct. This is so we can flourish, progress and achieve within an atmosphere of high expectation, mutual respect and understanding.

### **Guidance**

#### **We expect parents, carers and visitors to:**

- Respect our values whenever on the school site or when communicating with the school by telephone or email.
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of our boys.
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with tolerance and respect and therefore set a good example in speech, conduct and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a boy's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful resolution to an issue.
- Correct own son's behaviour especially where it could lead to conflict or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach us to help resolve any concerns, addressing initially your son's form or subject teacher then by speaking to the Head of Year or Head of Department if the concern has not been resolved.

#### **In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, carers or visitors exhibiting the following:**

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including sports matches.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.

- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/carer or student regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the students/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social networking sites. (See Appendix 1). Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the appropriate member of staff, Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so it can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or young person. Approaching someone else's son in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this young person towards their own son. (Such an approach to a young person may be seen to be an assault on that young person and may have legal consequences).
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
- Dogs being brought on to school premises.

**Should any of the above behaviour occur on school premises, we may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, even ban the offending adult from entering the school site.**

**We are confident that parents and carers will assist Bullers Wood School for Boys with the implementation of this code and we thank you for your continued support of the School.**

## **Appendix 1**

### **Inappropriate use of Social Media:**

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

In the event that any student or parent/carer of a child being educated at Bullers Wood School for Boys 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 student 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 cyber bullying and the use by one young person or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

We would expect that parents would make all persons responsible for collecting their son aware of this policy.