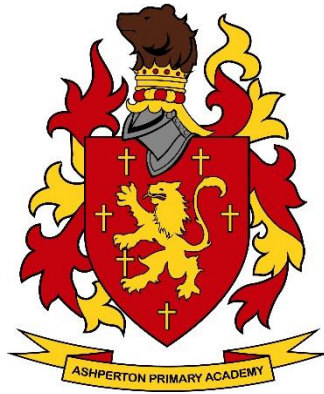




Ashperton Primary Academy Trust

Parent Code of Conduct

GN11

Date last reviewed: August 2026

Signed by:

Headteacher Date: _____

Chair of Trustees Date: _____

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Aim of this code of conduct

At Ashperton Primary Academy Trust (APA), we strive to build a strong relationship with parents and carers to help create a stimulating learning environment that continues from school to home, providing all pupils with the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability.

Whilst accepting that inappropriate behaviour is rare, APA implements a specifically designed set of rules regarding behaviour and conduct which parents and carers are expected to act in accordance with, to create a welcoming and safe learning environment.

All staff members have the right to work without fear of violence or abuse; therefore, physical attacks, threatening behaviour, and abusive or insulting language towards staff members, trustees, visitors, pupils or other parents and carers may result in individuals being removed from the premises.

This document outlines the manner in which parents and carers are expected to act whilst on the school premises, as well as detailing the type of behaviour that will not be tolerated.

1. Legal framework

This document has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Education Act 2011
- Education Act 1996
- Children Act 2004
- DfE 'Keeping children safe in education '
- DfE (2018) 'Controlling access to school premises'

This document operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Complaints Procedures Policy (GN9)
- Photography and Images Policy (SG9)
- Social Media Policy (HR15)
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Procedures (SG1)
- Smoke-free Policy (ST4)

2. Expectations

APA expects parents and carers to:

- Act in accordance with this code of conduct at all times.
- Support and reflect APA's ethos and values through their behaviour.
- Set a good example to pupils through their behaviour and the way they interact with staff, pupils and other adults.
- Work together with staff members for the benefit of their child and to resolve any issues of concern.
- Treat all trustees, staff members, pupils, other parents and carers and any members of the APA community with dignity and respect.
- Where appropriate, clarify their child's version of events with the school to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct their child's behaviour appropriately, particularly on the school grounds where it could otherwise lead to conflict or aggressive or unsafe behaviour.
- Respect APA's property and environment by keeping it clean and tidy.
- Follow APA's parking rules and procedures for dropping off and collecting pupils from school.
- Dress in an appropriate manner when on the school premises and attending school events and ensure their dress and appearance reflects that they are role models for pupils, e.g. parents and carers may not wear nightwear when dropping off or collecting pupils.

Parents and carers are required to act in accordance with all relevant APA policies and procedures at all times including, but not limited to, the following:

- Photography and Images Policy

- Smoke-free Policy
- Social Media Policy

Parents and carers can locate copies of all relevant policies and procedures on the APA website or request copies from the school office.

3. Driving pupils to school

Parents and carers may proceed through the main gates to drop off and collect their children but only where road markings allow. Parents and carers are not permitted, to stop, wait, drop off, or pick up pupils while parked in a prohibited area.

Residents' drives should not be blocked under any circumstances, even during short periods of waiting where the car is in use. Vehicles should be driven in a calm manner which causes least disturbance to residents.

Engines should be turned off when a vehicle is stationary as vehicle exhaust emissions contribute significantly to air pollution and are particularly harmful to children.

Due regard should be given to the directions of the school's traffic marshals, who are present to advise on and enforce this code of conduct. APA traffic marshals will be on duty from 8.30am to 8.55am

APA's traffic marshals will seek, as far as is possible, to prioritise patrolling the drop-off zone in the morning and will assist parents and carers in dropping off their child and moving on.

All pupils will wear a seatbelt at all times while they are dropped off and picked up. Those children required to be seated on a booster seat or child seat will be as the law describes. Parents and carers will ensure pupils disembark vehicles safely when a traffic marshal is ready to receive them.

Parents and carers are to use their discretion in severe weather and drive with extra caution as appropriate.

Pupils should not be collected late - all pupils are expected to be collected by 3.10pm in KS1 and 3:15 in KS2. (unless attending after school provision) If a parent is delayed in picking up their child for any reason it is the parents and carers responsibility to call an authorised adult to collect the pupil from school on their behalf and then notify the school office of this change in pick up..

Parents and carers that are going to be late picking their child up from school and cannot arrange for an authorised adult to collect the pupil from school on their behalf should inform the school as soon as possible to request a place at after school provision -if available.

4. Inappropriate behaviour

APA takes instances of inappropriate behaviour very seriously and will not tolerate any circumstances that may make pupils, staff members and other members of the APA community feel threatened.

Parental behaviour that APA will not tolerate includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Using foul, abusive or offensive language
- Raising voices inappropriately at another individual
- Making racist or sexual comments
- Using aggressive hand gestures, e.g. raising fists and fingers
- Discriminating against any member of the APA community, including pupils, staff, trustees and other parents and carers

- Bullying, harassment or intimidation, including physical, verbal and sexual abuse offline and online
- Sending abusive, aggressive or threatening messages, emails or other communications to any member of the APA community
- Trespassing on APA property without prior permission or implied licence
- Causing intentional damage to APA property
- Breaching APA's security procedures
- Using physical violence on APA premises or on a member of the APA community, e.g. hitting, slapping, punching, kicking and pushing
- Physically intimidating an individual
- Partaking in unnecessary physical contact with an individual
- Writing or posting abusive, offensive or defamatory comments about an individual or the school, including on social media
- Psychologically harassing any member of the APA community, including displaying vexatious behaviour which is humiliating for the individual and is damaging to their self-esteem
- Displaying disruptive or other inappropriate behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of APA's operations or activities
- Approaching another parent or pupil to discuss or reprimand them because of an issue between pupils
- Threatening any member of the APA community in any way
- Arriving on APA premises partially clothed
- Smoking on APA premises
- Taking photographs or videos on APA premises without permission from APA
- Driving unsafely within the vicinity of the school

5. Managing inappropriate behaviour

If a parent is behaving inappropriately, a report will be made to the Headteacher or the most senior member of staff available in their absence, who will decide on the most appropriate course of action.

Parents and carers will raise concerns regarding another parent's behaviour or conduct directly with their child's class teacher or the Headteacher and will not approach the parent themselves.

Instances of parents and carers displaying inappropriate behaviour will be managed in a variety of ways, depending on the severity of the situation.

When a parent has behaved inappropriately, they will be invited to a meeting by the Headteacher to discuss their behaviour and to attempt to resolve the issue. Where this initial meeting is not sufficient to resolve the issue, the Headteacher, in collaboration with other staff and relevant agencies, will consider what further action may be required. This action, depending on the situation, could include the following:

- Barring the parent from APA premises
- Contacting the police
- Seeking legal redress through the courts

- Restricting the parent's channels of communication to the school, e.g. no longer allowing the parent to send emails to a staff member directly
- Reporting content, the parent has posted online to the website's admin
- Referring the case to children's social care, where the behaviour indicates that the parent poses a risk to children

Any child protection and safeguarding concerns will be addressed in accordance with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

APA reserves the right to escort anyone off the premises who is displaying aggressive or disruptive behaviour. The police may be contacted to provide advice on managing an incident or to assist in the removal of an individual from the premises, where necessary. The police will be contacted where a parent is being violent or has committed assault, or where the event has caused harm to an individual.

If a parent has been previously barred from the premises or has exceeded their implied access to the premises and is causing a disturbance, the police will be contacted to remove the individual from the premises.

If concerns are raised in relation to a parent's appearance or dress, personal factors will be taken into consideration, on a case-by-case basis, when addressing the concern.

If a parent persistently displays unacceptable and inappropriate behaviour, this may result in them being barred from the school premises, in line with the Barring from the school premises section of this policy.

6. Barring from the school premises

APA has the right to bar a parent from the premises to keep the APA community safe. If a parent is displaying inappropriate or concerning behaviour, they will be asked to leave APA premises. Behaviour that could result in a parent being asked to leave the premises includes aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour or language that is a risk to staff or pupils, or behaviour that is making staff or pupils feel threatened.

If a parent persistently or consistently behaves inappropriately on the APA site, or there is a one-off incident of extremely inappropriate behaviour, APA reserves the right to bar this individual from the APA site.

APA will either:

- Bar the parent temporarily, until the parent has had the opportunity to formally present their side.
- Inform the parent that they intend to bar them and invite them to present their side.

The Headteacher will send a letter to the parent, informing them of the following information:

- Why they have been temporarily barred or face a bar
- The nature of the bar, i.e. if they are temporarily barred pending their representation or if they must present their side before the decision to bar can be made
- That they have the right to formally express their views on the decision to bar in writing to the Chair of Trustees within 10 school days

The Headteacher's decision to bar the parent will be reviewed by the Chair of Trustees.

The Chair of Trustees will take account of any representations made by the parent and decide whether to confirm or lift the bar. The parent will be notified in writing of the decision to uphold or lift the bar.

If the decision is confirmed, the parent will be notified in writing, explaining:

- How long the bar will be in place.

- When the decision will be reviewed.

Decisions to bar will be reviewed at the end of the agreed timescale, in line with the process outlined above. Following a review, the bar may be lifted or, if there are grounds for continued concern regarding the parent's conduct, it may be extended.

Once the appeal process has been completed, parents and carers that remain barred may be able to apply to the Civil Courts. If a parent wishes to exercise this option, they will be advised to seek independent legal advice.

7. Monitoring and review

This document will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Headteacher and any changes made will be communicated to all parents and carers and staff at the school.

The next scheduled review date for this document is 31 August 2027.

All parents and carers will be provided with a copy of this code of conduct upon their child's attendance at the school and are required to familiarise themselves with the procedures and guidelines outlined.

Appendix A

Parent Code of Conduct Agreement

I _____ (name), parent of _____ (name of child),

declare that I have received, read and understood the terms and conditions of this code of conduct.

I understand my obligations under this code of conduct and agree to comply fully with them. I will ensure that my conduct does not breach this code in any way, including not:

- Being abusive or threatening to any member of the APA community.
- Dressing in an inappropriate manner.
- Behaving inappropriately or aggressively in any way.
- Being discriminatory towards any member of the APA community.
- Trespassing on APA property.
- Smoking on APA premises.
- Sending inappropriate, abusive or aggressive messages to school staff.
- Requesting to 'follow' or 'friend' school staff on social media.

Please return this slip to the school office as soon as possible.

Signed: _____

Date: _____