

Driffield Church of England (VC) Infant School



'Learn to let your light shine'

Matthew 5: 14-16

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Statement of intent and ethos

Driffield CE Infant School welcomes all God's children and their families and is a place where children of all faiths and none flourish and are inspired by the Christian character and values of our school and learn to love God, one another and themselves (Mark 12:30-31) in order that they can 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

It is this ethos underpinned by the words from Matthew 5: 14-16 'Learn to let your light shine' that underpins the way we strive to work with parents to build and maintain positive relationships.

Code of Conduct

At Driffield CE Infants we value our strong relationship with parents and carers. Working together in a mutually supportive and positive partnership with parents, class teachers and the school community helps us to achieve the very best for our children.

A good working partnership is crucial to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continually welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

To truly create the best outcomes for children requires the relationship between home and school to be based on the principles of care, integrity, trust and mutual respect. We are very fortunate that the vast majority of our parents and carers are supportive and friendly and recognise how important the relationship between home and school is in equipping children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

The fostering of this positive relationship is important so that both children and staff are safe and not open to undue distress, anxiety or abuse.

Guidance

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home School Agreement and holding the above principles in mind, parents, carers and visitors are reminded:

- To respect the Christian Values of the school;
- That both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children;
- When approaching school staff for help to resolve an issue that this is done in an appropriate and respectful manner and not in a threatening way;
- Although we operate an 'open door policy', this does not mean that staff are available at all times of the day and it is always best to make an appointment to ensure the member of staff you wish to see is free;
- All members of the school community are treated with respect using appropriate language and behaviour;
- To correct their child's actions especially where it could lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour.

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

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the schools operations or activities anywhere on the school premises;
- Any inappropriate behaviour on the school premises;
- Using loud or offensive language or displaying aggressive behaviour;
- Threatening, in any way, a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil;
- Damaging or destroying school property;
- Sending abusive or threatening letters, emails, texts etc to anyone within the school community;
- Placing defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any pupils/parents/staff at the school on social media sites such as Facebook;
- The use of physical or verbal aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises;
- Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child (such an approach may be seen as an assault on that child with legal consequences);
- Smoking, taking illegal drugs or consumption of alcohol on school premises;
- Dogs being brought onto school premises (other than guide dogs).

Thank you for abiding by this policy. We know that actions such as those detailed above are extremely rare, but sadly they do occur. It is our duty to ensure that we provide a safe environment not only for children but also for all who work and visit our school.

Should any of the above occur the school may, (having taken advice from the appropriate authorities) take necessary action against individuals who breach this policy and in extreme cases may consider excluding offending persons from entering the school premises.

Thank you for abiding by this policy in our school. Together we create a positive environment in which our children can learn and thrive