

Grove Street Primary and Nursery School

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Child Code of Conduct

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Statement of intent

Grove Street Primary School believes that in order to facilitate teaching and learning, in a calm and therapeutic environment, acceptable behaviour must be displayed in all aspects of school life.

We are committed to:

1. Promoting desired behaviour.
2. Promoting self-esteem, emotional regulation, self-discipline, proper regard for authority and positive relationships based on mutual respect.
3. Ensuring equality and fairness of treatment for all.
4. Encouraging and recognising good behaviour.
5. Challenging and disciplining bad behaviour.

6. Providing a safe environment; free from disruption, violence, discrimination, bullying and any form of harassment.
7. Encouraging a positive relationship between the school and parents to develop.
8. Developing relationships with our children which ensure early intervention is possible.
9. A shared approach which involves children in the implementation of the school's policy and associated procedures.
10. Promoting a culture of praise and encouragement in which all children can achieve.

11. General conduct

11.1. The school expects children to:

- Be polite and **respectful** to all members of the school community and to all visitors to the school.
- Always be **ready** to offer help to others, if necessary.
- Move around the school in a **safe** and orderly manner.
- Attend all lessons and other school activities punctually and always arrive in good time.
- Take pride in the school environment and keep it tidy.
- Not spit or chew gum – chewing gum is not allowed.
- Not swear or use offensive language.
- Not damage or disfigure the school premises, either inside or outside the buildings.

11.2. Vandalism and graffiti on school premises is strictly forbidden.

11.3. Damage should be reported immediately to a member of staff, by the person responsible the person who discovers it.

11.4. All forms of sexual discrimination, including sexual harassment, gender-based bullying and sexual violence, are forbidden. Acts of sexual harassment and violence will be considered and dealt with in line with the school's Behavioural Policy and Child on Child Abuse policy.

11.5. Smoking and vaping are forbidden. This includes the times when children are travelling to and from school.

11.6. There is zero tolerance for bullying at the school; this includes, but is not limited to, racist bullying, homophobic bullying, transphobic bullying, sexist bullying, or sexual bullying and harassment.

12. In the classroom

12.1. Children must not:

- Be disrespectful, argumentative, rude, confrontational or intimidating.
- Lie or answer back to teachers.
- Disrupt a class or make it difficult for others to learn.
- Leave the classroom or school premises without permission.
- Disobey a reasonable request from a teacher.
- Miss lessons.
- Intimidate other children.

13. Attendance

- 13.1. Full time attendance and attendance at all lessons is mandatory. Children must only be absent from lessons if the absence has been authorised or they are unwell.
- 13.2. The school day runs from **08:45** to **15:00**. Children are required to remain on the school premises during these times, except where the child has an appointment, there is a school trip, or the child has been granted permission by a member of staff to leave the premises.
- 13.3. In the case of pre-arranged appointments, the school must be informed in advance and in writing (via Class Dojo) wherever possible.
- 13.4. Holidays during school time are not permitted except under very exceptional circumstances. No teacher or senior leader may authorise holidays during school time. Permission in exceptional circumstances must be sought from the governing board. Any period of leave taken without the agreement of the school, or in excess of that agreed, will be classed as unauthorised and may attract sanctions such as a Penalty Notice.

14. Lateness

- 14.1. Children must arrive punctually for morning registration.
- 14.2. If a child arrives late, but before **09:30**, they should report to **the school office** and sign in.
- 14.3. If a child arrives late, and after **09:30**, they should report to **the school office** and sign in. This will be classed as late.

15. Illness whilst at school

- 15.1. If given permission to go home due to illness or injury, children must sign out at **the school office**.

16. Child-child relationships

- 16.1. The school promotes and supports diversity, and will not tolerate bullying of any form, including sexist, homophobic and transphobic bullying. Children are encouraged to speak to a member of staff immediately if they witness, or are a victim of, bullying.
- 16.2. The school takes a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of sexual harassment, sexual violence and harmful sexual behaviours.
- 16.3. Children are taught to understand what harmful sexual behaviour is in an age-appropriate manner.
- 16.4. Children are taught about relationships in an age-appropriate manner.
- 16.5. Children are taught about what constitutes a healthy relationship, and about wellbeing and health in accordance with the school's Relationships and Health Education Policy and Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy

- 16.6. All staff members operate an 'open-door' policy for children wanting to report any concerns relating to themselves or their peers.
- 16.7. Staff members handle concerns from children, raise concerns and act in accordance with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy at all times.

17. Appearance

- 17.1. The school uniform, detailed separately, is compulsory.

18. Property

- 18.1. Children are responsible for their own belongings.
- 18.2. Exercise books, text books, electronic equipment, and stationery issued by the school remain the property of the school and should be treated as such.
- 18.3. Families are responsible for replacing lost or damaged school property.
- 18.4. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and children must attend with appropriate kit (provided by school).

19. Mobile technology

- 19.1. The school accepts that personal mobile phones are often given to year 6 children, who walk home alone, by their parents to ensure their safety and personal security, these need to be handed into the class teacher to be locked away until the end of the school day.
- 19.2. Parents should be aware if their child takes a mobile phone to school.
- 19.3. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged personal mobile devices either at school, or travelling to and from school.
- 19.4. Acceptable use
 - Mobile devices should be switched off and given to their class teacher.
 - Children are responsible for protecting their own personal information including their phone number.
 - Under no circumstances are children permitted to use mobile phones during the school day (including break and lunchtimes).
- 19.5. Sanctions
 - Confiscated mobile devices will be locked away securely in the **SLT office**.
 - Confiscated mobile devices must be collected by the child's parent.
 - Bullying via mobile will be disciplined in line with the school's Anti-Bullying Policy.

20. Items barred from school premises

- 20.1. Fire lighting equipment

- Matches, lighters, etc.
- 20.2. Drugs and smoking equipment
- Cigarettes
 - Electronic cigarettes (e-cigs)
 - Any other drugs except medicines covered by the prescribed medicines procedure
- 20.3. Weapons and other dangerous implements and substances
- Knives
 - Razors
 - Catapults
 - Guns (including replicas and BB guns)
 - Laser pens
 - Fireworks
 - Items that can be used to hit, e.g. hammers
- 20.4. Other items
- Chewing gum
 - Energy drinks
 - Chocolate & sweets
 - Offensive toys e.g. Huggy Wuggies
 - Toys that look like weapons
 - Offensive materials (i.e. pornographic, homophobic, racist etc.)

21. Non-compliance

21.1. Failure to comply with the school's Child Code of Conduct will lead to sanctions as detailed in the school's Behavioural Policy.

22. Monitoring and review

22.1. This code of conduct will be reviewed on an annual basis by the SLT and any changes made will be communicated to all children and staff at the school.

22.2. All children and families will be provided with a copy of this code of conduct when their attendance at the school begins via Class Dojo and we request that families discuss the procedures and guidance outlined with their child/children