



**James Bateman Middle
School**

Parent Code of Conduct Policy

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1. Purpose and Scope

At James Bateman Middle School, we believe it is important to:

- Work in partnership with parents and carers to support their child's learning
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for students, staff and parents
- Model appropriate behaviour for our students at all times

To help us to do this we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour that reflect our values of Ready, Resilient, Respectful for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and students (through our behaviour and relationships policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school work together with parents by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a student
- Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents)

2. Our Expectation of Parents and Carers

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our students
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour

- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care) particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct.
- Approach the right member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern
- Support the school when sanctions or consequences for poor behaviour are issued according to the related policies

3. Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- Swearing or using offensive language
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, students or other parents
- Threatening another member of the school community
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media
- Posting defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member of its community on social media, including within so called 'closed groups'.
- Use of physical punishment against your child whilst on school premises
- Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult
- Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention.
- Smoking or drinking alcohol on the school premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- Possessing or taking drugs
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs) without prior agreement

4. Breaching the code of conduct

If the school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent about the incident.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the school may then:

- Send a warning letter to the parent
- Invite the parent into school to meet with a senior member of staff or the head teacher
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in the case of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from our legal team regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Ban the parent from the school site

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the headteacher.

The headteacher will consult with the Chair of Governors and the Chief Executive Officer before banning a parent from the school site.