



Parents Code of Conduct 2023



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1. Purpose and scope

At Lantern Academy we believe it's important to:

- Work in partnership with parents to support their child's learning.
- Create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for pupils, staff, and parents.
- Model appropriate behaviour for our pupils always

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all our parents.

This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and pupils (through our behaviour policy). This code of conduct aims to help our academy work together with parents by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
- Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or child-minders)

2. Our expectations of parents and carers

We expect parents, carers, and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision, and values of our academy.
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils
- Treat all members of the academy 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.

3. Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, academy operations (including events on the academy grounds and sports team matches)
- Swearing or using offensive language.
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils, or other parents.
- Threatening another member of the academy.
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the academy community, including via text, email, or social media.
- Posting defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments about Lantern Academy, its staff, or any member of its community, on social media platforms.
- Use of physical punishment against your child while on academy 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 academy premises
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Bringing dogs onto the Lantern premises (other than guide dogs)

4. Breaching the code of conduct

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

Depending on the nature of the incident, Lantern Academy may then:

- Send a warning letter to the parent.
- Invite the parent into Lantern Academy to meet with the headteacher.
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Ban the parent from the Lantern Academy site.

Lantern Academy 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.