





# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE Rheynn Ynsee, Sport as Cultoor

## ASHLEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Parent Code of Conduct

At Ashley Hill School, we are proud and fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive school community. The wide variety of events organised by the Friends of Ashley Hill School and the quantity of parent helpers we receive on trips are two excellent examples of the wonderful support we receive at school on a regular basis. At Ashley Hill, the staff, governors, parents and carers all recognise that the education of children is a partnership between us.

As a partnership we are all aware of the importance of good working relationships and all recognise the importance of these relationships to equip our children with the necessary skills for their education. For these reasons we will always welcome and encourage parents and carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this code of conduct is to provide the expectations around the conduct of all parents, carers and visitors connected to our school. The code provides sufficient detail to expand on Section 21 in the Isle of Man Education Act (2001) <a href="https://legislation.gov.im/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/2001/2001-0033/EducationAct2001">https://legislation.gov.im/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/2001/2001-0033/EducationAct2001</a> 9.pdf.

We are committed to resolving difficulties in a constructive manner, through an open and positive dialogue. However we understand that everyday misunderstandings can cause frustrations and have a negative impact on our relationships.

Where issues arise or misconceptions take place, please contact your child's teacher or the Headteacher, who will be available to meet with you and go through the issue and hopefully resolve it. Where issues remain unresolved, please follow the school's complaints procedure. This is available on the school website or a copy can be requested from the school office.

This code aims to clarify the types of behaviour that will not be tolerated and seeks parental agreement to these expectations.

### Behaviour that will not be tolerated:

- \* Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the schools normal operation or activities anywhere on the school premises.
- \* Any inappropriate behaviour on the school premises.
- \* Using loud or offensive language or displaying temper.
- \* Threatening in any way, a member of staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or child.
- \* Damaging or destroying school property.



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- \* Sending abusive or threatening emails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications (including social media) to anyone within the school community.
- \* Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/ parents/staff/governors at the school on Facebook or other sites.
- \* The use of physical, verbal or written aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment of 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 to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences)
- \* Smoking, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises. (Alcohol may only be consumed during authorised events)
- \* Dogs being brought on to the school premises (other than guide dogs)

Should any of the above occur on school premises or in connection with school the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities or consider banning the offending adult from entering the school premises.

Thank you for abiding by this code in our school. Together we create a positive and uplifting environment not only for the children but also all who work and visit our school.

## <u>Issues of conduct with the use of Social Media</u>

Most people take part in online activities and social media. It's fun, interesting and keeps us connected.

The Friends of Ashley Hill School (FOAHS) has a Facebook page which allows parents to receive and respond to messages about school events. We encourage you to positively participate if you wish.

Within these spaces however we ask that you use common sense when discussing school life online.

### 'Think before you post'

We ask that social media, whether public or private, should not be used to fuel campaigns and voice complaints against the school, school staff, parents or children.

We take very seriously inappropriate use of social media by a parent to publicly humiliate or criticise another parent, member of staff or child.