



INTERNAL SCHOOL POLICY

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Date approved:	2018	Date policy will take effect:	2018	Updated:	23/03/2021
Scope:	Parents and Staff				
Date to be reviewed:	2024, provided there are no updates or amendments				
Objectives of policy:	To provide clear guidelines and rules to parents on how to conduct themselves as parents of Arbor Primary School.				

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Parents at the school subscribe to the Parents Code of Conduct and undertake to:

- a. Conduct themselves in a way that does not harm the school's reputation or embarrass staff members or learners.
- b. Not exhibit disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including team matches.
- c. Be aware that the use of loud and / or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper is prohibited.
- d. Not threaten or do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, governance, visitor, fellow parents / carers or learner regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- e. Not make use of abusive or threatening emails, text, voicemail or phone messages or other written communication.
- f. Not make use of defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the learners, parents or staff at the school on Facebook or other social sites. Any concerns must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the grade teachers, department head, deputy principal and principal, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
- g. Be aware that the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child is prohibited. This includes physical punishment against their own child on the school premises.
- h. Not approach 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).
- i. Apply self-constraint and show respect, courtesy and tolerance towards each other, educators, learners, fellow spectators, coaches, referees, judges and opponents.
- j. Not intimidate educators, participants, coaches, referees or judges.
- k. Conduct themselves in accordance with the code of ethics required by a specific cultural activity or sporting code.
- l. Be aware that physical violence, defamatory and offensive language or indecent signs during sport matches or other activities is strictly prohibited.
- m. Refrain from making negative remarks or using improper language when interacting with referees, other officials, judges, players or their opponents' supporters.
- n. Comply with the requests and arrangements of the school concerned and / or the organisers, when attending an activity of the school.
- o. Be aware that the use of alcohol and illegal drugs during any school activity is strictly prohibited.

- p. Be aware that no weapons or dangerous objects may be brought onto the school grounds, unless intended for official work purposes, such as in the case of SAPS officers.
- q. Only smoke in the designated smoking area, and only if this does not interfere with the learners' education or activities. Consult the school's smoking policy, which stipulates the designated smoking area.
- r. Maintain the indicated distance from the side lines of any sports field or court, and not to go into the play area or any other demarcated areas on the school grounds or during an activity.
- s. Keep school grounds neat and tidy, and to be aware that littering is prohibited.

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