

HOLLINS GRUNDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happiness, Health and Respect for Confident, Creative Learners

Social Media Guidance Policy

As stated on our website the school expects that “Whatever your place in our community, whether that be a pupil, a family member or a member of staff we believe that you should accept and reflect our ethos and values wherever you are. This means behaving respectfully to all, modelling good behaviour in person and online and supporting everyone to do their best and achieve their full potential.”

Parents should adhere to the following guidelines when using all social media platforms and groups:

- The group should never be used as a platform to air views/grievances regarding a teacher, child or parent in the class or school
- The group is not a political platform for airing opinions on current affairs
- The group should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and cultural sensitivity between all its members

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 pupils
- 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

Please note, the school considers the following online activity inappropriate:

- Abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or other parents or any member of the school’s community
- Displays of anger including swearing, or using offensive language
- Bringing the school into disrepute
- Posting aggressive, defamatory or libellous comments
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or any member of the school’s community
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children
- Threatening behaviour, such as intimidating staff, or using bad language.

The school takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately.

Agreed by HGPS Governing Body on 7th November 2023