

Eyam C of E Primary School

Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors in School



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Eyam School vision is to be a thriving community built of self-motivated, resilient learners who work together using critical thinking skills to achieve and celebrate success through a culture of respect.

Signed by _____ on behalf of the Governing Body Date _____

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Eyam Primary School is a welcoming, supportive and inclusive school and it is important that all members of the school community work together. We are proud of our good reputation and we depend on the entire school community to help us to maintain and improve our children's learning.

Whilst the vast majority of our parents, carers and visitors conduct themselves impeccably and are supportive of the school, there are rare occasions when this code is necessary to provide a reminder about our expectations of their conduct. We seek to uphold a happy, safe and creative school in which everybody can grow, learning new things together.

Visiting School

Parents, carers and visitors are allowed onto school premises by permission or invitation of the school; this may be withdrawn if necessary.

We expect parents, carers and visitors to support and promote our school values of:

Respect, Resilience, Responsibility

and to reflect our school motto

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

In addition, we expect parents, carers and visitors to:

- Set a good example in their own behaviour and speech towards all members of the school community, both on school premises and immediate area.
- Correct their own children's behaviour where it is inappropriate.
- Respect the school environment by keeping the school tidy and not littering.
- Not bring animals onto school grounds for health and safety reasons, unless it is pre-agreed with a member of staff for education purposes.
- To see your child's teacher on the playground before school if you need to, otherwise arrange a mutually convenient appointment to deal with larger issues. Messages can also be sent via contacting the school office.
- Enter the school via the office entrance for registration if your child is late.

Safeguarding including e-safety / online bullying

If, at any point, during your visit to our school you have a concern regarding child protection or online safety (such as inappropriate images) please raise your concern immediately with our Designated Child Protection Officer (Oona Gilbertson). If you suspect a child is being abused in any way, it is your duty to tell – child safety is everyone's business.

Signs of abuse may include:

- Change in personality (withdrawn, tearful, naughty)
- Visible marks, bruises, cuts and burns
- Talking / bragging about use of online sites or wanting to share pictures / sites after school
- Refusal to leave with other children – hanging about

A child may disclose information to you. You should:

- Listen very carefully.
- NOT ask leading questions
- Make a note straight away after the conversation (date and sign it)

- Immediately inform Mrs Gilbertson
- Keep all information confidential.

**KEEP YOURSELF SAFE DO NOT USE YOUR PHONE UNLESS YOU ARE IN THE STAFFROOM
NEVER TAKE PHOTOS OF CHILDREN OR SHOW PHOTOS TO CHILDREN**

Safeguarding and child protection policy statement

Eyam C Primary School operates a whole school approach and ethos to safeguarding and protecting children. Where safeguarding is concerned, we maintain an attitude of “it could happen here”. We recognise that everyone in the school has a role to play to keep children safe; this includes identifying concerns, sharing information, and taking prompt action. Safeguarding and child protection is incorporated in all relevant aspects of processes and policy development. All systems, processes and policies operate with the best interests of a child at their centre.

We ensure that all children are safeguarded while on or off school premises and are proactive about anticipating and managing risks that children face in the wider community and online. To support this the school assesses the risks and issues in the wider community when considering the well-being and safety of its learners. Due to the context of our school our children may be at greater risk of County Lines or isolation and therefore more vulnerable to grooming due to the rural nature of the village. As many of the families are also traditional and local they may also be unaware that there are life risks that children face and so part of our role is to try and educate both wider families as well as the children.

Phone use

If you need to use your phone please do so in the office – if you have a special circumstance and need to keep this on your person please see Mrs Gilbertson, otherwise we would expect you to keep your bag in the staff room with the phone inside. There should not be any photos of children taken whilst you are in school – if you wish to take pictures of resources / displays or for your project as evidence please see Mrs Gilbertson to confirm the details. Thank you

Unacceptable Behaviour

At Eyam, we consider the following to be deemed unacceptable. This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide examples of unacceptable behaviour.

- Loud, raised voices or shouting, either in person or over the phone.
- Using offensive language, which includes racist, homophobic and sexist comments.
- Physically intimidating a member of staff or invading their sense of space.
- The use of inappropriate hand or facial gestures.
- Threatening school staff (verbally, physically).
- Abusive, threatening or damaging e-mails, phone, text or social network messages relating to the school and its staff.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Smoking on the school site or near the immediate area.

The headteacher and school governors may prohibit a person from the school grounds to safeguard our school community. Unacceptable behaviour may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

We are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and carers who recognise that educating children involves a strong partnership between home and school. We continue to welcome and encourage parents, carers and visitors to participate fully in the life of our school. Our vision is that together we can guide our children to become responsible, respectful members of our wider community.

Thank you for your co-operation and support in upholding the good reputation and caring ethos of our school.