

**MARWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.C. INFANT SCHOOL
GREAT AYTON**



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Marwood is a small Church of England Voluntary Controlled Infant School where the Christian Ethos is central to the life of the school community. Our Vision Statement reflects those Christian values.

PARENT, CARER AND VISITOR BEHAVIOUR POLICY:

The Governing Body and Headteacher strongly believe that our school should be a welcoming and safe place for our children, staff, parents and visitors alike, and that our parents share that belief. We have legal responsibilities for the safeguarding and wellbeing of our children and staff, and a duty of care to all users of our school.

All adults on the school grounds set examples of behaviour for our pupils. It is important for parents, carers and visitors to show respect to everyone including staff, other parents, children and visitors. This helps to create a positive environment for all.

All members of staff have the right to work without fear of violence or abuse and we expect parents, carers and other visitors to behave in a respectful, reasonable manner at all times.

Adults who behave inappropriately may be asked to leave the school grounds and the Headteacher may restrict their access further. This policy highlights what is expected from parents, carers and visitors to our school and what will happen if behaviour is deemed unacceptable.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour

- Shouting at members of staff in person or over the telephone
- Use of offensive language including swearing towards other adults, staff or children
- Physically intimidating members of staff, other parents or pupils
- Approaching another person's child in order to question or scold them
- Physical abuse or threatening behaviour

- Using aggressive gestures or gestures meant to intimidate
- Breaching the school's security procedures
- Trying to enter the school without permission or disregarding security measures
- Entering the school site while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Smoking, vaping or using drugs whilst on school property
- Bringing alcohol to school or drinking excessively at school events
- Bringing dogs, with the exception of Assistance Dogs, on to the school site without the prior permission of the Headteacher
- Displaying or distributing materials that could upset others
- Making racist, sexist or discriminatory comments
- Sending abusive, aggressive or threatening messages via phone, email or any other form of communication
- Engaging in bullying, harassment or intimidation whether in person or online
- Physically intimidating an individual
- Partaking in unnecessary physical contact with an individual
- Writing or posting offensive or harmful comments about the school, staff or students on social media
- Threatening any member of the school community in any way
- Arriving on the school premises partially clothed
- Taking photographs or videos on the school premises without permission
- Driving recklessly near the school
- Causing damage to school property

This list is not exhaustive. If any of these behaviours occur, or if there is any other behaviour deemed unacceptable, the school may involve appropriate authorities and restrict the access to the premises.

If parents or carers have issues or concerns related to the school, students, or families, they should speak directly with a staff member. It is important not to try to resolve issues through direct actions. If concerns cannot be resolved through a staff member, parents should follow the school's Complaints Procedure. This is available on the school website or can be requested at the school office.

All communication with the school should be polite and respectful. If communication becomes unacceptable, such as abusive or threatening messages, the school may limit further contact.

Social Media

We ask that parents refrain from posting about the school, its staff, students, or other parents on social media. Social media is not the place to address concerns or complaints. If a parent has a concern, they should contact the Headteacher directly and follow the Complaints Procedure.

We expect parents to behave respectfully and professionally on social media, setting a good example for their children. Posting defamatory or offensive comments about the school, its staff, or students may have legal consequences, and any threats of violence could lead to criminal action. The school will ask parents or carers to remove inappropriate posts immediately.

Legal framework

Under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996, it is an offense for anyone to cause a disturbance on school grounds. If a parent or visitor behaves unreasonably, the Headteacher has the right to withdraw permission for them to be on the school premises.

If the behaviour is serious, the school may take further action, such as restricting access or contacting the authorities.

Consequences of Unacceptable Behaviour:

If a parent, carer, or visitor behaves in an unacceptable way, the school may:

Restrict their access to the school

Remove them from the premises if they ignore restrictions

Involve the police in cases of serious or criminal behaviour, such as threats or violence