



LAERSKOOI DORINGKLOOF PRIMARY

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Introductory Statement

The purpose of this policy is to create an environment in which our learners can flourish, progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding between the home and school environments, by clearly articulating what Laerskool Doringkloof Primary expects of all parents, carers and visitors within our school environment.

2. Code of Conduct

At Laerskool Doringkloof Primary **we expect** parents, carers and visitors to:

- Respect the caring values of our school
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Familiarise themselves with the Schools Discipline Policy and support the School in the implementation and administration thereof
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.
- Fulfil their financial obligation to the School by paying the school fees as agreed upon at the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Body
- Involve themselves as much as possible in the Schools activities, either actively on the Parents Association or Governing Body or simply as committed supporters of the School.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment **the school cannot tolerate** parents, carers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper towards any learner.
- 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.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governing Body, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written or verbal communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parent/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites.
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against 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).
- Consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.

3. Parent accountability

- Ensuring disciplined behaviour on the part of learners is not the responsibility of the school only; parents also have an obligation to ensure that their children conduct themselves according to the school values and accepted norms of controlled, courteous and correct behaviour.
- The school will contact parents whenever a learner's behaviour becomes cause for concern and will endeavour, in a spirit of constructive partnership, to resolve the problem. The parents should support the School in its endeavours to maintain high standards of good behaviour and conduct.
- Should parents, carers and visitors act in breach of this Code, whether on or around school premises, the school maintains the right to contact the appropriate authorities; especially in instances where learners are threatened and/or harmed by any adult visiting the school.

4. Scope of the policy

This policy applies to all adults on or around the premises of Laerskool Doringkloof Primary, who engage with any learner of this school.

5. Communication and ratification

A copy of this policy is available to all members of staff and parents on the school website.

Thus adopted by the Laerskool Doringkloof Primary SGB