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FREEWAY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents, class educators and the school community. As a partnership, our parents will understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish, progress, and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

Guidance

- Respect the caring ethos of our school.
- Understand that both educators and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- 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.
- 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.

To support a peaceful and safe school environment the school cannot tolerate parents, caregivers and visitors exhibiting the following:

- 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.
- Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying a temper.
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, Governor, visitor, fellow parent/caregiver 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 communication.
- Any slanderous or libelous comments.

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- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the learners/parent/staff, at the school on social media, or directly. Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class educator or the SGB so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately, and effectively for all concerned.
- 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 to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of the 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).
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.

Furthermore, cooperation with the following is mandatory.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

- Please report to the office when visiting the school.
- Educators are not available during teaching hours to receive telephone calls unless it is an emergency. Please leave a message with the receptionist.
- Please make an appointment to see the principal or educator.
- Homework books or workbooks must be signed when sent home.
- Medical and dental appointments must be made for after school where possible.
- Parents must inform the school about medical information e.g. illnesses and medical aid membership.
- Holidays must be planned to coincide with school vacations and NOT during the term.
- No learners may be fetched early from school to go on vacation – please adhere to the hours as communicated by the school.
- All early fetching must be approved by the school principal.
- Inform the school about change of address, telephone number of both parents (home and work).
- The school will not be held liable for any claim, losses, injuries, and expenses suffered by parents or learners unless negligence is proved.
- Parents are liable to pay school fees as determined by the governing body. This applies to each parent with children enrolled in our school. You have enrolled your child/ren into a fee-paying school and thus you are legally liable to pay your school fees.

- Parents are expected to get involved in the education of their child/ren at school (e.g., assist with sport, attend meetings and assist with reading, etc.)
- Avail yourself for Parents / Educator meetings to discuss your child's progress at the end of every term. Also avail yourself for morning meetings, parent afternoons and collection of report cards as communicated.

What we expect from Parents

It's expected of you to get involved in your child's learning process, check and sign homework books, message books and circulars.

See to it that your child belongs to the public library and/or e-learning platforms as provided by the school and researched independently by the parents. Help with reading at home regularly.

Prepare your child for school, see to it that he/she:

- Have a good night's sleep.
- Has a good breakfast.
- Has a packed lunch.
- Has a neat uniform.
- Have all stationery requirements.

Drop your child off by 07:30 latest and **collection must be done by 14:00** at the latest if your child is not participating in an extra mural.

Refrain from the following negligent behaviour:

- Late arrival at school for no valid reason.
- Abandonment at school after school hours.
- Dirty or torn school uniform.
- Lack of food for children.
- Refusal to attend parent/teacher conferences or non-arrival at scheduled meetings.

We trust that parents and caregivers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy, and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.



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