



St Bede's and  
St Joseph's  
Catholic College

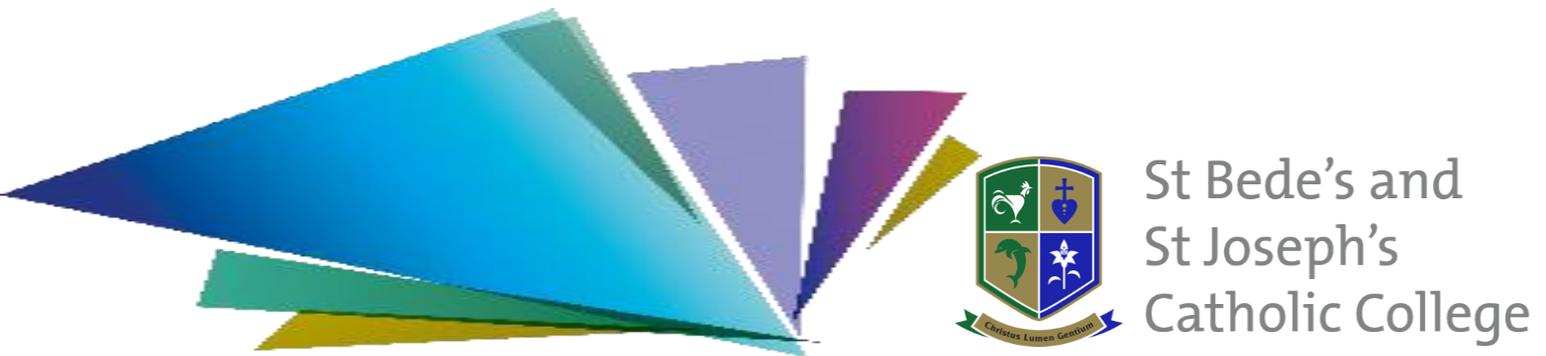
# **A Code of Conduct**

## **Parents**

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## **Values and Ethos**

By taking inspiration from the college motto *Christus Lumen Gentium* (Christ Light of the Nations) we are able to articulate very clearly an understanding of the values that underpin our work and how they substantiate our distinctive Catholic ethos.

In short we aim to ignite within all members of our college community a love of learning, a love of each other and a love of God.

## **Code of Conduct**

At St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College we value our strong relationship with parents and carers. Together this helps us achieve the very best for our students in a mutually supportive partnership between parents, teachers and the wider school community.

As a partnership, our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip their children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we continually welcome and encourage parents or carers to participate fully in the life of our school.

To truly create the best outcomes for our students requires the relationship between home and school to be based on the principles of care, integrity, trust and mutual respect. The maintenance of this relationship is important to ensure that students are safe (please read our safeguarding policy) and not open to undue distress and anxiety.

With the values and ethos statement of the school in mind parents are requested:

- To respect the caring ethos and values of the school
- To understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children
- To approach school staff for help to resolve an issue in an appropriate manner
- To treat all members of the school community with respect using appropriate language and behaviour

- To correct their child's actions especially where it could lead to conflict, aggressive or unsafe behaviour – both on and off the school premises

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment the school will not tolerate parents, carers or visitors exhibiting the following:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the school's operations or activities anywhere on the school premises
- Any inappropriate behaviour on the school premises
- Using loud or offensive language
- Threatening, in any way, a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or student
- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening e-mails or text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications to anyone within the school community
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the students/parents/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites. (See Appendix 1)
- The use of physical or verbal 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)
- Smoking, taking illegal drugs or the consumption of alcohol on school premises (alcohol may only be consumed during authorised events)
- Dogs being brought on to school premises (other than guide dogs)

Should any of the above occur on school premises the school may feel it is necessary to take action by contacting the appropriate authorities and/or sadly, consider banning the offending adult from entering the school premises.

Thank you for abiding by this policy in our school. Together we create a positive and uplifting environment not only for our students but also all who work and visit our school.

Note: Can parents please ensure they make all persons responsible for collecting their children aware of this policy.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### Inappropriate use of Social Network Site

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers', school staff, and in some cases other parents or pupils.

The Department for Education/Government and Governors of St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College School considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable.

Any concerns you may have about the school or your child/children must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to: the colleague at school with the responsibility for the said issue; the deputy Headteacher or other member of the Senior Leadership Team; the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, where they will be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Libellous or defamatory posts: In the event that any student or parent/carer of a child/children at St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College school is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site.

All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report content or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or student removes such comments immediately.

Cyber Bullying: We take very seriously the use of cyber bullying by one student or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.

The school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse on social networking and other sites.