

Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

At Craven College, we believe it's important to:

- Work in partnership with parents and carers to support students' learning, progress and attendance
- Create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for students, staff, parents and carers
- Model appropriate behaviour for our students at all times

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the Staff Code of Conduct) and students (through our Student Positive Behaviour Policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the College work together with parents and carers by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

Our expectations of parents and carers

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our College
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our students
- Work in partnership with College staff to support students' learning and progress
- Work in partnership with College staff to ensure students attend regularly and on time so that they are able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities provided to them by the College
- Treat all members of the College community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct
- Approach the right member of College staff to help resolve any issues of concern

Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, College operations (including events on the College grounds)
- Swearing, or using offensive language

- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, students, or other parents/carers
- Threatening another member of the College community
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the College community, including via text, email or social media
- Posting defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments about the College, its staff or any member of its community on social media platforms
- Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another student or adult
- Smoking or drinking alcohol on the college premises (unless alcohol has been allowed at a specific event)
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs)
- Being in possession of any offensive weapon, blade, corrosive substance or any article made or adapted for use or causing injury to the person or another person, as defined in the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

Breaching the code of conduct

If the College suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent or carer has breached the code of conduct, the College will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent about the incident.

Depending on the nature of the incident, the College may then:

- Send a warning letter to the parent or carer.
- Invite the parent or carer into College to meet with the Principal or a senior member of staff
- Contact the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour)
- Seek advice from the College's legal team regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous)
- Ban the parent from the College site (and if considered necessary, withdraw the child/ren of the parent from the College)

The College will always respond to an incident in a proportional way. The final decision for how to respond to breaches of the code of conduct rests with the Principal.