

MERTON COURT SCHOOL



SOCIAL NETWORKING STATEMENT FOR PARENTS

This statement applies to the whole school including EYFS.

See Admissions Agreements signed on entry to Merton Court School.

Staff and Parents of Merton Court School support good practice on Social Networking Sites

The Headmaster and staff have agreed an approach to the use of Social Networking sites that include the items below. We are now inviting parents to join us in setting a good example for our children.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by:

- Demonstrating courtesy and respect for staff, other parents and children when comments are placed on social networking sites.
- Using appropriate language when discussing school.
- Addressing any issues or concerns regarding school, directly with the Headmaster, the Leadership Team or a member of staff rather than posting them on social media.

All parents are invited to join staff in setting a good example for our children by not:

- Using social network sites to make derogatory comments or posting photographs which could bring staff into disrepute, including making comments about children, parents, staff members, the senior leadership team or our wider community.
- Posting photographs of other people's children on social network sites without their permission.

Our promise is:

- We will meet with you and use the school's policies and procedures to resolve concerns.

- We will work hard to resolve any concerns in the best interest of the whole community.
- We will act in the best interest of the whole community and honour our duty of care to our children.
- We will never conduct school business through social network sites.

The staff and proprietors of Merton Court School's agreement for using social networking sites.

Our promise to parents is:

- We will meet with them and use the school's policies and procedures to resolve concerns.
- We will work hard to resolve any concerns in the best interest of the whole community.
- We will act in the best interest of the whole community and honour our duty of care to our children.
- We will only conduct school business through official school social network sites.

On-line bullying

Merton Court School is committed to ensuring that all of its staff, parents/carers and children are treated with dignity and respect. Bullying and harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. On-line bullying methods could include text messages, emails, phone calls, instant messenger services, circulating photos or video clips or by posting comments on websites, blogs or in chat rooms.