

Bonneygrove Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Behaviour of adults in and around the school grounds

As you may be aware, some parents/carers have been seen arguing and using inappropriate language on the school grounds in front of children, staff, and other families. I know that most of our parents/carers are polite, calm, and respectful within our school community - I refuse to allow a minority to undermine this status quo.

I have had parents/carers make their feelings known, and rightly so, of the appalling behaviours some of our parents/carers have displayed by text messages, voice notes, emails, and photographs. I find the whole episode disrespectful and inappropriate. Bonneygrove is a school, and as such, I expect all of the parents/carers to act accordingly – if any parent/carer feels they cannot carry themselves with grace and dignity, then, unfortunately, they will not be invited onto the school premises under any circumstance.

Over the last few days, I have had children witness inappropriate language and behaviours, which is unacceptable. Moving forward, these types of behaviours will not be tolerated. I have also had my staff intervening in parental arguments, escorting parents/carers off-site to ensure everyone remains calm and safe. My team are here to educate children, keep them safe and ensure their mental health and well-being are taken care of in a nurturing and caring environment. I refuse to allow some of our school community to disregard the welfare of the children and staff at Bonneygrove. Therefore, those parents/carers have a choice to either respect our school community or you will not be allowed onto the school grounds. As a staff team, we have worked too hard over the last two years to pull this school up by its 'bootstraps' to allow a minority to disregard and disrespect the wider school community.

Many issues have been based on 'WhatsApp' messages (year group). I would ask all of the administrators of these groups to ensure that only messages relating to school issues are placed on the groups – an example would be: PE Kits to be worn over the next three days or book bonanza has been cancelled on Tuesday.

I am asking parents/carers for their cooperation, and I know most of you are supportive and give your time freely; for that, I am appreciative. However, I need every parent and carer on board with this to ensure we continue to be a happy and successful school.

I thank you all for your continued support.

Mr Craig Hamilton Headteacher