



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

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Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of our school consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. If you believe further action is required please refer to our Complaints Policy on the school website.

In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at our school is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they may 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 contact or activity which breaches this. Our school also expects that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases school will also consider legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, is the issue of cyberbullying and the use by one child or a parent with the intention to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. This will be dealt with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.

If parents have any concerns or complaints about the school that they wish to raise, they are reminded that this should be done through official channels rather than through contacting any governors or staff on social media.



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