

Protection of Visitor and Verbal Abuse Policy

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Confirmation that the **Protection of Visitors and Verbal Abuse Policy** in respect of Wistaston Academy has been discussed and approved by the Governing Body at the **2014 Spring Term** meeting of the **Behaviour and Safety Committee**

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The Governing Body has a responsibility under the Health and Safety at work Act 1984 (and associated regulations) to ensure:-
the health and safety at work of employees, pupils and visitors;
that all incidents related to health and safety are recorded and logged;
that policies and practices for countering racial harassment exist;
a system exists for recording and notifying injuries.

RIGHT OF ACCESS

Parents and visitors do not have an automatic right of access to the school building or grounds. The only exceptions are members of the Health and Safety Executive, OFSTED and HMI's. The Governing Body, however, welcomes the partnership between parents and school. Regular and reasonable access to teachers is important but this must be balanced against the need to generally protect everyone in the school, particularly the children. All parents and visitors must report to the school office when collecting children except at the beginning and end of the school day. Parental access is limited to the foyer of the school. There are exceptions such as sports days or parents evenings.

BEHAVIOUR

The Governing Body is aware that problems between children in school can sometimes carry on after the day ends. Similarly, arguments or disputes originating from outside of school can cause difficulties in school time.

Parents are asked to bring such cases to the attention of the HEADTEACHER. PARENTS MUST NOT TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS BY DIRECT ACTION IN OR AROUND THE SCHOOL BUILDING/GROUNDS.

PROTECTING PUPILS, STAFF, PARENTS AND VISITORS USING THE LAW

1. All serious cases of assault will result in police involvement in line with the recommendations in SCHOOL SECURITY: HOME OFFICE AND DCSF.
2. Trespassers will be dealt with under section 547 of the Education Act 1996
“..... any person present without lawful authority on school premises, and who causes or permits nuisance or disturbance of such premises, commits an offence.”
3. Incidents which are below the level of physical assault but which use intentional or unintentional harm or distress will be dealt with under Sections 4 and 5 of the Public Order Act 1986.
4. Harassment of the pupils, parents, visitors or teachers will be dealt with under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

We are sure that parents will deal with difficult matters through the Headteacher and/or Chairman of Governors. This will avoid the need to refer to the law when situations become out of control. All such incidents will be logged by the Headteacher.