



Independent AB Authority	Footprints for Learning Society (Academy)
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Policy Title	Parent Code of Conduct
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## OVERVIEW

The FFLA Community wants to ensure a Welcoming, Safe, Caring, and Respectful learning environment.

Guardians of FFLA agree to the following:

1. Understand that both teachers and parents/guardians need to work together for the benefit of each student.
2. Understand that parents/guardians have the responsibility to:
  - a. check/respond to the agenda and other communication sources (emails, software etc.) daily
  - b. ensure their child is completing required assignments and items on time;
  - c. work with the teacher to address and help the student in areas of concern regarding the students' academics or behaviours.
4. Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
5. Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
6. Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
7. Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
8. Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour.

Below are behaviors that will not be tolerated from parents/guardians at FFLA. Parents/Guardians exhibiting the following behaviors will be denied acceptance into the Academy the following year and may even be required to leave prior to the end of the school year.

1. Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds including sporting and other school events.
2. Using loud/or offensive language, swearing, cursing, using profane language or displaying temper.
3. Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, principal, visitor, fellow parent/guardian or student regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.
4. Damaging or destroying school property.
5. Abusive or threatening emails or text/voicemail/phone/in person messages or other written communication
6. Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the student/parent/guardian/staff, at the school on Facebook or other social sites. Any concerns parents/guardians may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the teacher or the principal so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.
7. The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against their own child on school premises.
8. Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child. (Such an approach to a child may be seen to be an assault on that child and may have legal consequences).
9. Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on school property.
10. Intoxication of any kind. Social services will be called should parents/guardians be intoxicated when picking up their child.
11. Inappropriate use of Social Network Site.
  - a. Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, teachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/guardians/students. FFLA considers 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 parents/guardians may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the principal or the Board of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

- b. In the event that any student or parent/guardian of a student(s) being educated at FFLA is found to be posting libelous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will 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. The school will also expect that any parent/guardian or student removes such comments immediately.
- c. In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a guardian to publicly humiliate another by an inappropriate social network entry. We will treat this as a serious incident of school bullying.

Parents/guardians agree to make all persons who are involved with their child's school community aware of this policy. Any actions by such individuals which are deemed contrary to this policy are the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian.