

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: Safer Care Code of Conduct for Morpeth School Summary

Our Safer Care Code of Conduct sets out the standards expected and the duty upon staff, volunteers and governors to abide by it. All staff, governors and volunteers have a duty to keep pupils safe and to protect them from physical and emotional harm. The Code also helps safeguard staff, governors and volunteers from being maliciously, falsely or mistakenly suspected or accused of professional misconduct in relation to pupils.

The Code of Conduct forms part of the school's disciplinary rules for staff. A serious breach of the Code will be regarded as gross misconduct. A less serious breach may result in a disciplinary warning.

All new staff are issued with a copy of the Code when they start at Morpeth. It deals with the following subjects:

Principles of Professional Practice

Confidentiality

Propriety, Behaviour and Appearance

Sexual Contact with Children and Young People and Abuse of Trust

Infatuations and Crushes

Gifts

Social Contact

Physical Contact and Personal Privacy

Behaviour Management and Physical Intervention

One-to-one situations and meetings with Pupils

Transporting Pupils

Educational Visits and School Clubs

Curriculum

Photography, Videos and other Creative Arts

Internet Use

Sharing Concerns and Recording Incidents

Child Safeguarding Competences for staff & volunteers who work with Children & Young People