



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **The Parent Code of Conduct for Romsey Schools**

We are a group of local schools who work together. Our group includes Romsey Primary; Rownhams St Johns; Nursling; North Baddesley Junior and Infants; Cupernham Juniors, Cupernham Infants; Romsey Abbey Primary; The Mountbatten School; The Romsey School.

We are writing to explain a new initiative that we ask for your help with. Please see our shared 'Parent Code of Conduct' attached. This document describes the expectations that each school within our partnership has for parents and carers whilst they are working closely with our teams.

It must be emphasized that the vast majority of our parents work with us extremely well; in a supportive and mutually respectful manner. This positive partnership between home and schools helps our young people to thrive.

However, you may have seen the national press which reports that a significant number of schools are now overwhelmed by the sheer number of negative actions from their students' parents and the wider community: both face to face and online. We are not immune to this within Romsey and its local area. Regrettably all schools and Headteachers within our local group have experienced situations involving disrespectful, unprofessional and at times abusive behaviour from a small minority of parents within the last year.

These experiences are, of course, hurtful and unhelpful to the school professionals who work tirelessly to provide an excellent service across the area. They also undermine the relationships that we have with our children/students and are counter to our schools' behaviour policies. We can cite colleagues both locally and nationally who have left the profession due to their well-being having been affected by this unfair negativity.

The repeated nature of these poor behaviours has led us to believe that it is vital to share what we expect from parents within this 'Code of Conduct'. We trust and expect parents to familiarise yourselves with the content of this code of conduct so that you are aware of our expectations moving forward.

We sincerely thank the vast majority of you who remain supportive and professional at all times. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

With regards,

The Romsey Partnership of Schools.