

Haringey Tuition Service

Staff Code of Conduct



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1. Aims, scope and principles

This policy aims to set and maintain standards of conduct that we expect all staff to follow.

By creating this policy, we aim to ensure Haringey Tuition Service is an environment where everyone is safe, happy and treated with respect.

Many of the principles in this code of conduct are based on the Teachers' Standards. All staff have an influential position in Haringey Tuition Service, and will act as role models for pupils by consistently demonstrating high standards of behaviour.

We expect that all teachers will act in accordance with the personal and professional behaviours set out in the Teachers' Standards.

We expect all support staff, governors and volunteers to also act with personal and professional integrity, respecting the safety and wellbeing of others.

Our ethos is to provide a highly supportive learning experience for pupils who may not have succeeded in other learning environments. We will do that by:

- Listening to pupils and respecting their views
- Providing small group or one-to-one support
- Adapting the curriculum and the provision on offer to meet individual learning needs
- Ensuring there is a focus on the social, emotional and well-being needs of our pupils
- Having aspirational academic targets for our pupils
- Preparing pupils for their next-stage, whether that is back in main-stream school, a further education provider or employment.
- Never giving up on a pupil in our care.

Failure to follow the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken, as set out in our staff disciplinary procedures.

Please note that this code of conduct is not exhaustive. If situations arise that are not covered by this code, staff will use their professional judgement and act in the best interests of Haringey Tuition Service and its pupils.

2. Legislation and guidance

We are required to set out a staff code of conduct under regulation 7 of The Schools Staffing (England) Regulations 2009.

In line with the statutory safeguarding guidance '[Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)' (September 2018), we should have a staff code of conduct, which should cover acceptable use of technologies, staff/pupil relationships and communications, including the use of social media.

3. General obligations

All staff set an example to pupils. They will:

- Maintain high standards in their attendance and punctuality
- Never use inappropriate or offensive language in school
- Treat pupils and others with dignity and respect
- Show tolerance and respect for the rights of others
- Not undermine fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
- Express personal beliefs in a way that will not overly influence pupils, and will not exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law
- Understand the statutory frameworks they must act within
- Adhere to the Teachers' Standards
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4. Safeguarding

Staff have a duty to safeguard pupils from harm, and to report any concerns they have. This includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse, or neglect.

Staff will familiarise themselves with our safeguarding policy and procedures and the Prevent initiative, and ensure they are aware of the processes to follow if they have concerns about a child.

Staff should immediately report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL (the Headteacher Patricia Davies). If she or the DDSLs are not available, staff should raise concerns with Haringey MASH team as laid out in our safeguarding policy. Staff need to ensure that they are aware of their statutory duties to report suspicion of FGM or radicalisation to the appropriate authorities, as laid out in the Safeguarding Policy.

Our safeguarding policy and procedures are available in the staff room and from Haringey Tuition Service office. New staff will also be given copies on arrival.

5. Staff/pupil relationships

Staff will observe proper boundaries with pupils that are appropriate to their professional position. They will act in a fair and transparent way that would not lead anyone to reasonably assume they are not doing so.

If staff members and pupils must spend time on a one-to-one basis, staff will ensure that:

- This takes place in a public place that others can access
- Others can see in to the room
- A colleague or line manager knows this is taking place

Staff should avoid contact with pupils outside of school hours if possible.

Personal contact details should not be exchanged between staff and pupils. This includes social media profiles.

While we are aware many pupils and their parents may wish to give gifts to staff, for example, at the end of Haringey Tuition Service year, gifts from staff to pupils are not acceptable.

If a staff member is concerned at any point that an interaction between themselves and a pupil may be misinterpreted, this should be reported to their line manager or the headteacher.

6. Communication and social media

School staff's social media profiles should not be available to pupils. If they have a personal profile on social media sites, they should not use their full name, as pupils may be able to find them. Staff should consider using a first and middle name instead, and set public profiles to private.

Staff should not attempt to contact pupils or their parents via social media, or any other means outside school, in order to develop any sort of relationship. They will not make any efforts to find pupils' or parents' social media profiles.

Staff will ensure that they do not post any images online that identify children who are pupils at Haringey Tuition Service without their consent.

Staff should be aware of Haringey Tuition Service's e-safety policy.

7. Acceptable use of technology

Staff will not use technology in school to view material that is illegal, inappropriate or likely to be deemed offensive. This includes, but is not limited to, sending obscene emails, gambling and viewing pornography or other inappropriate content.

Staff will not use personal mobile phones and laptops, or school equipment for personal use, in school hours or in front of pupils. They will also not use personal mobile phones or cameras to take pictures of pupils.

We have the right to monitor emails and internet use on Haringey Tuition Service IT system.

8. Confidentiality

In the course of their role, members of staff are often privy to sensitive and confidential information about Haringey Tuition Service, staff, pupils and their parents.

This information will never be:

- Disclosed to anyone without the relevant authority
- Used to humiliate, embarrass or blackmail others
- Used for a purpose other than what it was collected and intended for

This does not overrule staff's duty to report child protection concerns to the appropriate channel where staff believe a child is at risk of harm.

9. Honesty and integrity

Staff should maintain high standards of honesty and integrity in their role. This includes when dealing with pupils, handling money, claiming expenses and using school property and facilities.

Staff will not accept bribes. Gifts that are worth more than £20 must be declared and recorded on the gifts and hospitality register.

Staff will ensure that all information given to Haringey Tuition Service about their qualifications and professional experience is correct. Originals of certificates will be requested at the time an offer of employment is made.

10. Dress code

Staff will dress in a professional, appropriate manner.

Outfits will not be overly revealing, and we ask that tattoos are covered up.

Clothes will not display any offensive or political slogans.

11. Conduct outside of work

Staff will not act in a way that would bring Haringey Tuition Service, or the teaching profession into disrepute. This covers relevant criminal offences, such as violence or sexual misconduct, as well as negative comments about Haringey Tuition Service on social media.

12. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years, but can be revised as needed. It will be ratified by the full governing body.

13. Links with other policies

This policy links with our policies on:

- Staff disciplinary procedures, which will be used if staff breach this code of conduct. It also sets out examples of what we will deem as misconduct and gross misconduct
- Safeguarding
- Gifts and hospitality
- E-safety