



## Strawberry Vale Elementary School

### CODE OF CONDUCT

“Caring, Sharing and Learning Together”



At Strawberry Vale we create a culture of character where respect, patience, self-discipline, tolerance and the joy of learning are among the virtues that our children learn every day.

We promote a “Safe Learning Environment” where we all work together to solve conflicts and difficult situations. Behaviours such as bullying, harassment or physical aggression are not tolerated at Strawberry Vale. We provide a respectful, caring, and supportive environment in order for all children to succeed and learn.

#### **Our Strawberry Vale Community of Learners always:**

- cooperates so everyone works, learns and plays in a safe and nurturing environment
- helps create a positive, safe and healthy learning environment
- respects the rights and feelings of others
- uses polite, courteous language
- respects the personal space of others
- acts politely, respectfully and helps others
- models positive behaviours
- models self discipline
- models positive attitudes
- takes pride in themselves and always tries to do their best
- comes prepared for school and arrives on time
- models a positive, respectful manner at all school-related activities, on or off the school grounds and on the Internet
- takes personal responsibility for their actions
- makes responsible choices
- uses their W.I.T.S (W= Walk away, I = Ignore, T = Tell someone, S = Seek help)
- keeps their hands and feet to themselves
- understands that bullying is hurtful and is not acceptable at any time
- makes safe choices inside and outside of the school
- takes pride in their school
- keeps our school clean and tidy
- uses the waste management program
- cares for and respects our school and playground

This Code of Conduct outlines most, but not all, of the positive behaviours expected from all Community members.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Virtues Project and WITS



Strawberry Vale Students use the Virtues Project and the WITS Program to create a culture of character, compassion and responsibility and to help with conflicts by considering other's perspectives and using problem solving skills.

WITS stands for: W= Walk away, I = Ignore, T = Tell someone, S = Seek help.

**As per the BC Human Rights Code, our Code of Conduct prohibits Discrimination based on any of the following grounds:**

- age
- race
- color
- ancestry
- place of origin
- religion
- physical disability or mental disability
- family status
- marital status
- sex
- sexual orientation

### **Consequences for unacceptable behaviours:**

The severity and frequency of unacceptable behaviour as well as the age and maturity of the student is always considered in determining appropriate consequences for the actions. For example:

- Consequences are planned carefully and are consistent and fair
- Actions taken, whenever possible, are preventative and restorative. We hope to provide the student with an opportunity to learn from his/her mistakes.
- As often as possible, students will be involved in developing meaningful consequences.
- Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

### **Notification:**

The seriousness and frequency of the behaviour will determine who will be notifying parents. (administration, teachers, other staff)

- Telephone calls, parent conferences, notes home etc. are all ways that we strive to keep open communication with parents.
- Consultation with the staff member involved, teacher, student administration, and counselor may occur.
- Administration will contact other parties for **serious incidents**.

We will contact:

- Parents of students involved
- Associate Superintendent, Mr. Pat Duncan
- Police and other agencies as required by law

Strawberry Vale Elementary and the Greater Victoria School District will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation against a student.