

Parents and Carers Together Stockport Code of Conduct

1. The Parents and Carers Together Stockport (PACTS) Constitution requires parent representatives to abide by this Code of Conduct. PACTS parent representatives must observe the Code of Conduct when attending meetings and representing PACTS at events, workshops, webinars, courses, conferences, and training.
2. All PACTS parent representatives have an obligation to work in the best interests of the parent carer forum. PACTS parent representatives always represent forum to fulfil its vision. They are accountable for their actions.
3. PACTS parent representatives do not represent the needs, wishes or views of their own family and should not refer to or seek to promote their own child or young person, personal, religious or political aims or own organisation.
4. PACTS parent representatives shall treat others with dignity and respect. They shall follow the principles of equity and equality of opportunity as described in the Constitution and not discriminate against others. They shall always be friendly and courteous when representing the organisation or acting on its behalf.
5. At any meeting, an individual's right to confidentiality shall be respected and maintained by the group. Confidentiality will be breached in the event of safeguarding concerns about a child or vulnerable adult; concerns for the individual present being at risk of harm or causing harm to themselves; or concerns about potential or actual criminal activity. Such concerns should be communicated immediately to the Co-Chairs, or if they are unavailable, to a member of the Steering Group, who will consider and take appropriate action, which may involve contacting local authority children's social care, out of hours or adults social care staff, out of hours or the police.
6. At meetings, PACTS parent representatives shall speak through the Co-Chairs and follow and respect the Co-Chair's guidance. They shall abide by decisions and resolutions made by the Steering Group. PACTS parent representatives shall follow the agenda and observe any time limits.
7. Before agreeing to any action when representing PACTS at meetings, PACTS parent representatives shall state that the action must first be agreed by the organisation. Members shall bring such matters to the attention of the Co-Chairs within seven days of such a meeting. Any actions agreed must be actioned.
8. PACTS Steering Group members and officials should be properly prepared for any meeting by reading all the relevant papers, bringing them to the meeting and consulting the parent representatives of the Steering Group in advance as appropriate.
9. Any Conflict of Interest must be declared immediately, and parent representative forms updated

Breach of Code of Conduct

Parent representatives will abide by Pact Constitution and by this Code of Conduct. If the Steering Group considers that any parent representatives conduct has infringed the Code of Conduct or is in any way harmful to the vision of PACTS, the Steering Group will reserve the right to terminate parent representative, provided that the parent representative concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Steering Group, accompanied by a supporter, before a final decision is made.