

Home School Agreement

Your child's education begins in the home and it continues as a partnership between home and school. To provide the best opportunities for success we need to understand each other and agree on our roles and responsibilities.

We are all working in the best interests of your child and we hope this agreement clarifies our positions and leads to even better partnerships in our community.

School's Responsibilities

- Encourage children to achieve their best at all times, by teaching challenging, but attainable learning targets in a stimulating and supportive classroom environment.
- Inform parents of their child's progress at regular meetings, as well as through informal contact regarding particular successes to be celebrated and concerns to be addressed.
- Provide an annual report on each child's achievements during the year with targets for the next year.
- Demonstrate to children how we value each other and our surroundings through teaching about courtesy, care, concern, respect, appreciation, tolerance, patience and friendship.
- Listen to children, respect them and ensure effective systems are in place for their safety and well being.
- Provide and assess homework on a regular basis that is appropriate for each child.
- Have a system of praise, rewards and sanctions which will encourage good behaviour.
- Monitor attendance and investigate lateness, non-attendance and extended holidays.
- Try to ensure clear communications occur between school and home.
- Encourage children to question, work co-operatively, develop self-confidence and good self-discipline.

Parents' Responsibilities

- Make sure our child arrives at school on time – 8.45am, ready for registration at 8.50am, wearing appropriate uniform and with necessary resources, eg bookbag, lunch, PE kit, plimsolls, and ready to learn.
- Make sure our child attends regularly and provide the school with a telephone call on the day of absence, followed by a written note of explanation on return to school.
- Attend Parent/Teacher consultations twice each year.
- Read, sign and comment on (if appropriate) our child's Annual Report.
- Support our child with homework tasks set by the school and regularly sign reading record.
- Ensure that our child is collected by a known, responsible adult, promptly at the end of the school day.
- Ensure that family holidays are not taken during term time.
- Help school develop in our child a sense of personal responsibility for his/her behaviour and quality and quantity of work.
- Respect school staff at all times. The school will not tolerate aggressive verbal or physical attacks from children or parents/carers and, in such an instance, will take appropriate action.
- Support the school approach to online safety and not deliberately upload or add any text, image, video or sounds that could upset any member of the school community.
- Allow staff to take our child to the local area for educational purposes, provided that local authority guidelines are followed in relation to adult/child ratios.
- Allow school staff to take photographs or DVDs of the children. These may be used for publicity purposes; to upload onto the school website; or for sale to parents (ie the Christmas Nativity play).

Child's Responsibilities

- Help my parents to get me to school on time.
- Care for each other through our Golden Rules.
- Be responsible for my own behaviour, always tell the truth and not blame others.
- Be polite to all adults in the school, teachers, helpers, visitors and other children.
- Allow others to work without interruption, listen to others and treat everyone equally and kindly.
- Listen during lessons and concentrate in order to produce my best work.
- Inform an adult if I am having problems.
- Take care of our environment by putting litter in the bins, taking care of my classroom and all school resources.
- Willingly do my homework to the best of my ability.