



HOME / SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The Parents / Guardians

For your child to achieve their potential at the Shrubberies School and/or the Apperley Centre, it is vital that we work together. This agreement sets out our expectations which have been developed over many years and in consultation with our parents.

Ensure my child attends school regularly

To learn, children must have the opportunity to engage in activities, practice skills and develop relationships with their peer through play and discussion. Missing lessons disrupts these opportunities and so we ask you to make every effort to ensure that your child attends school on a regular basis and, in particular, does not take a holiday during term time.

Occasionally, however, some pupils are sent to school when they are quite clearly not well. I am sure you would agree that this is not fair on the rest of the children in your child's class as this can lead to the spread of illness; particularly in the case of tummy upsets. Equally, staff do not have the time to give poorly children the individual care they need, nor do we have the facilities to cater for sick children. Please be mindful of this and err on the side of home rather than school when your child is not well. Thank you.

Is properly dressed and equipped, particularly for P.E. and Swimming

Whilst there is no official school uniform, it is a requirement that the children are sent to school appropriately and smartly dressed. I remind you that we do have a school sweatshirt which is very competitively priced. Those of you who have bought them tell me that it does take all argument out of what to wear in the mornings. The children also look very smart if they are all wearing the same top when out in the community.

It is also essential that you provide your child with P.E. kit – a pale blue polo shirt (which can be bought from school), navy blue shorts and trainers. A sweatshirt is needed during the winter months as some sessions will be outside!

A swimming costume/trunks must also be provided for swimming.

Many classes use the local environment for learning opportunities. A coat should be provided in case the weather is poor.

All items of clothing must have name tags so that they can be returned!

Support my child in implementing specific work, communication and behaviour programmes as agreed with the school

This simply relates to any homework which is sent home or the sharing of the responsibility in implementing communication and behaviour programmes. It is essential to show a consistent approach when supporting communication or



managing behaviour; both home and school need to use the same resources and give the same and correct messages to the child.

Homework, communication and behaviour checklists must be returned to school on the times requested in order to track progress.

Regularly communicate with school as and when necessary and required

- Please return all diaries on time if they are being used.
- Inform the school of any changes of circumstances which would be meaningful to the school.
- Return reply slips when we require information.
- Ensure that money sent to school is sealed in an envelope and clearly labelled with your child's name, the amount and the reason for payment.

Attend pupil review meetings and parent meetings to discuss the progress of my child

The majority of parents welcome the opportunity to attend meetings with staff to discuss the progress of their child. In the coming year we anticipate providing you with half-yearly updates on the progress of your child. With the exception of children in the Nursery, all annual progress reviews and 'statement' reviews will be held throughout the year on a rolling basis.

It is also our intention to hold more parent workshops throughout the year.

Support the school through the work of the Parent Teacher Association and / or functions organised by the school

The raising of additional funds for the school is essential if we are to continue to provide the children with quality resources and experiences. The support of the P.T.A. is invaluable and the committee work extremely hard to provide us with those essential extras. Additional members on the committee would always be welcome, however, if you have not got the time or the inclination then please make every effort to support them by simply joining us at our various fund raising events.

Finally, we recognise that there are times when you may want to talk to us about an issue that has arisen concerning your child. Please do not hesitate to come in and have a chat. We recognise that we do not always get things right and, of course, we are always looking at ways of improving.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and, should significant amendments result from whole school discussion, the policy will then be presented to the Governing body for approval.



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PUPIL NAME:

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The School

will:-

- Have high expectation of all students.
- Provide all students with a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.
- Ensure that the individual needs of each child is identified and addressed.
- Encourage children to do their best at all times.
- Work toward achieving high standards of behaviour.
- Regularly inform parents of the individual targets set for the child and ongoing assessment.
- Provide the opportunity for parents to discuss with teachers the progress of their child.
- Inform parents of school activities through regular newsletters.

SIGNED

PRINT NAME

Parent

SIGNED

Wendy Newby (Acting Headteacher)