



## Home-School Agreement

### School will:

- Encourage your child to respect all members of the school community
- Invite you to be involved in school life
- Encourage your child to do their best at all times
- Care for your child's safety and happiness
- Expect high standards of learning and behaviour
- Provide a curriculum that meets the needs of your child and teaches them about fundamental British values
- Help your child develop a sense of community and responsibility
- Keep you informed about general school matters via the weekly newsletter, e-mail and the school's website
- Inform you of your child's progress at regular meetings
- Listen to parents' views and opinions

### Parents/Carers will:

- Park respectfully and safely at all times
- Ensure my child attends school every day wearing the correct school uniform, on time for registration at 9:00 am and suitably equipped, including a PE Kit.
- Make sure your child arrives adequately fed, rested and ready for a busy and demanding school day
- Notify the school of any absences in accordance with the school's Attendance Policy
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour
- Inform the school of any problems and/or concerns that may affect your child's learning or behaviour
- Attend meetings to discuss your child's progress
- Take advantage of opportunities to be involved with school life
- Speak to class teachers by arrangement after school
- Check emails and their child's bag for letters and information from school
- Abide by U.K. law regarding physical chastisement (please see reverse for more detail)

### Children will:

- Come to school on time every day
- Dress in the correct school uniform
- Bring all the equipment they need every day including a PE kit
- Complete their class learning and home learning as well as they can
- Behave well and follow the school's values
- Take care of school property and equipment

**Schools have a statutory responsibility under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children both in and out of school.**

## **The law**

UK law protects every child up to the age of 18 years from cruel and abusive treatment by their parents and carers.

- **It is against the law for a parent to use physical punishment on their child that causes marks.**
- **It is illegal to use an implement to hit a child.**
- **Parents who cause deliberate harm to their child could face criminal prosecution.**
- **It is against the law for anyone who is not the child's parent to use ANY form of physical punishment.**

As a parent/guardian I understand that I am responsible for disciplining my children or those under my care when they are not in school. I am aware and fully understand that the use of physical force in disciplining them may be illegal in certain circumstances. This may include the use of prolonged physical stress positions (This is where children are placed in a position of discomfort for a long period of time), the use of an implement (e.g. belt, stick, slipper) or where the use of force has resulted in visible injury. I understand in these circumstances the school has a statutory duty to report such incidents to Children's Social Care and that the police may be asked to investigate.

Should you want further advice and information on statutory guidance, legislation and parenting support please see:

- the school's child protection policy on the school's website
- Greenwich Safeguarding Children Board website provides advice for parents and carers, including information on positive and effective disciplining methods: <https://greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>