

Duke Street Primary School

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Introduction:

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 all state schools must have in place a Home School Agreement. At Duke Street Primary, we encourage parents to take an active part in their children's education and so we see the Home School Agreement as an integral part of our parental involvement policy. Parents are children's first and most enduring educators. Good quality learning should take place both at home and school. It is our aim to develop this agreement with you and the children in order that everybody is committed to it. This version of the Home School Agreement has been revised in the light of changes made to the school's Mission Statement (see current school brochure [annual information update])

The Home School Agreement will cover the following aspects:

- the standards of education within our school
- the ethos of our school
- regular and punctual attendance
- discipline and behaviour
- homework
- the information that the school and parents will share with each other

Please read the agreement and return the completed reply slip below by **Friday 26th November**. We hope all Key Stage 2 children will sign the agreement. Parents of Reception and Key Stage 1 children may feel it more appropriate to explain the agreement to their children and sign on their behalf.

Home School Agreement

I have received the Home School Agreement.

Signed _____ **(parent / carer)**

I understand and support the Home School Agreement.

_____ School representative _____

_____ Pupil _____

_____ Pupil* _____

_____ Pupil* _____

(* - where more than one child in family.)

_____ Parent / Carer _____

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Standards of Education

The School will

- set high expectations and give every learner the confidence that they can succeed
- encourage an enthusiastic attitude to learning through a well-balanced and varied curriculum
- inspire through passion for the subject
- structure and pace learning experiences to make them challenging and enjoyable
- establish what the children know and build on it
- use assessment procedures that monitor pupil's progress and enable children to fulfil their potential

As parents we will

- encourage our children to work hard and to the best of their ability
- encourage our children to have a positive attitude to learning
- let our children see that we value their achievements
- work with the school to identify ways that we can help our children make progress
- let the school know if we can help or contribute to school life

As pupils we will

- work hard and do the best we can
- reflect on what we learn and how we learn

Ethos

The School will

- emphasise the positive achievements of all children regardless of ability
- promote self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-esteem in our children
- aim to create a secure, caring and stimulating learning environment
- help the children develop personal, social and moral values and to hold respect for all religious values of all races and ways of life
- work in partnership with parents, encouraging them to play an active role in school and their child's education, so that together we provide the best *for* each child and get the best *from* each child
- encourage staff and pupils to learn from each other, learn with each other and learn on behalf of each other as part of a networked learning community.

As parents we will

- support and promote the school's aims and values with our children
- encourage our children to work and play co-operatively with others
- encourage our children to show consideration and respect for all members of the school community
- ensure that our children come to school dressed appropriately - as detailed in school reminder letters sent home

As pupils we will

- work and play co-operatively with other pupils in the school
- show respect for all members of the school community
- show respect for our own property and things which belong to other children or the school.
- help to keep the school and its surroundings tidy

Attendance and Punctuality

The School will

- provide information about term dates and start and finish times of sessions
- state record of attendance in the child's written report
- provide details of the school policy for granting leave of absence

As parents we will

- ensure that our children arrive at school on time and attend regularly
- give notification of illness or reasons for absence from school before 9.10am on the first day of absence
- avoid taking term time holidays

As pupils we will

- arrive at school on time
- try to achieve the highest levels of attendance

Discipline & Behaviour

The School will

- have rules which the pupil's know and understand
- make clear that we reject bullying, physical violence and destructive behaviour
- endeavour to place emphasis on good behaviour and rewards
- apply sanctions as detailed in the school's Behaviour Management Policy
- inform parents promptly in person, by phone or in writing when there are serious concerns regarding behaviour

As parents we will

- encourage our children to behave well
- help our children to understand that their behaviour has an impact on other pupils
- support the school in maintaining good behaviour and discipline so that all children can feel happy, safe and secure at school and are able to learn and develop as considerate people

As pupils we will

- follow the school's rules on behaviour
- understand that bullying behaviour will not be tolerated

Homework

The School will

- provide homework for each individual child according to age, ability and need,
- respond to it appropriately

As parents we will

- provide the best place possible for doing homework, preferably free from any distractions
- help our children see the importance and value of homework
- check what our children are doing for homework
- encourage our children to check with their teacher if they are unsure of homework that is expected of them
- inform school of any reasons why homework could not be completed on time

As pupils we will

- make a note of homework requirements as necessary
- ensure that homework is completed to the best of our ability and handed in promptly

Sharing Information

The School will

- share information about curriculum provision, including half-termly topics
- inform parents about their child's progress during parent evenings, through the annual written report and at other times when necessary
- give details of individual targets
- share information about procedures in school, through the school brochure and newsletters
- inform parents when their child is ill or has had an accident in school

As parents we will

- provide relevant medical information or involvement of other professionals
- attend parents evenings and other meetings about our children's progress as invited
- provide details of changes in home circumstances that may affect learning or behaviour
- where it is necessary, try to speak to our children's class teacher at the end of the day, rather than at the beginning
- complete reply slips promptly

As pupils we will

- ensure that newsletters and other forms of correspondence are delivered home safely
- return reply slips promptly to school