



## **HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT POLICY**

### **Purpose**

The home-school agreement sets out the school's responsibilities towards the students, the responsibility of the parents, and what the school expects of the students. This agreement encapsulates our belief that parents are a child's first and most important educators. It is designed to help achieve the highest possible standards of achievement through close communication and effective partnership with parents.

The home-school agreement should contribute to raising standards and to school effectiveness by providing a framework for partnerships between parents, students and the school.

The partnership promoted by the home-school agreement should result in:

- Better home-school communication (for example, on issues such as student progress, information on what will be taught and homework)
- Parents supporting and helping their children's learning at home more effectively
- The identification of issues that need to be addressed through the School Development Plan

### **Roles and responsibilities**

The Governing Body must have regard to the Secretary of State's guidance in carrying out its responsibilities relating to Home-School agreements entitled 'Home-School Agreements: Guidance for Schools'

Reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that all registered parents and carers of pupils of compulsory school age sign the parental declaration when each of their children joins the school, to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the agreement.

However, the Governing Body is not required to seek the signature of a parent where they consider that there are special circumstances relating to the parents or pupil in question that would make it inappropriate to do so. Parents should also explain the agreement to their children and ask them to sign the form.

The Principal will:

Ensure that the home-school agreement and other significant communications with parents and students are reviewed regularly.

Methods of consultation will include:

- Parent Council
- informal discussion at open evenings
- surveys and questionnaires
- student voice feedback
- staff feedback

Parents will:

- sign the agreement annually
- ensure that their children comply with the responsibilities set out in the agreement

The following associated policies apply to this agreement:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Uniform