



# **Willowcroft Community School**

## **Home School Agreement**

**Working Together**



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A child's education starts at home and continues as a partnership between home and school. We want this partnership to be highly successful and believe that this is best achieved when all partners are clear about expectations and responsibilities. The home school agreement tries to formalise these responsibilities. We believe that in providing enriching experiences that inspire children and equip them, that they will be ready for the challenges of the future.

### **Our wish is that a Willowcroft child will:**

- Be happy, healthy and safe
- Be respectful, honest and well-behaved
- Be an independent and confident learner
- Achieve their full potential both educationally and socially
- Be confident to explore and develop the outside environment
- Be a confident user of modern technology
- Be an ambassador for the school and community
- Have a global understanding of the world we live in

### **This will be achieved through:**

- Nurturing children
- Strong Values
- Effective leadership
- Excellent teaching and learning
- A creative and exciting curriculum
- Use of the outdoor environment
- A successful partnership between home and school
- Strong International Links

***“Working together, we will bring the school to the heart of the community.”***

The aim of the agreement is to make clear to

- Children
- Parent/Carers
- Staff
- Governors

that they have an equally important part to play in helping each individual pupil make the best use of the opportunities available at our school.

We believe that our success is built upon an open and supportive partnership between our children, parent/carers, staff and governors.

We aim to face the challenge of the 21st century by providing all our children with a broad, relevant, creative and challenging curriculum which will equip them for the future.

## **Children**

I agree to:

- Always do my best in my lessons.
- Always try to remember to be polite and thoughtful to others by following the 'Give Me Five' code.
- Always try to enjoy school and help other children do the same.
- Come to school ready to learn and take part in all activities.
- Persevere in my work and face challenges head on.
- Show a growth mind-set.
- To be on time (8.40am).
- Wear the school uniform, including proper school shoes (not trainers).
- Treat other people and their property with respect.
- Talk at home about what I learn at school.
- Read my book to someone at home.
- Do all my homework and catch up with any work that I miss.
- Walk to school, whenever possible.
- Lead a healthy lifestyle, whenever possible.

## **Parent/Carers**

I/we shall:

- Ensure that my child attends school regularly and to avoid all unnecessary absences during term.
- Ensure that my child arrives on time and is collected promptly at the end of the school day.
- Ensure my child starts the day with a good breakfast.
- Ensure my child wears correct school uniform, including school shoes.
- Send my child to school, prepared for the school day with all books, equipment, PE and Forest School kit.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines on behaviour and equal opportunities.
- Support my child in their home learning and promote opportunities for learning at home by reading with them regularly.
- Ensure my child goes to bed at a reasonable time on weekdays.
- Attend parent/carers evenings and other discussions about my child's progress at school.
- Keep the school informed about any issues that may affect my child's learning.
- Encourage my child to lead a healthy lifestyle, whenever possible.
- Communicate with all staff at Willowcroft in a respectful manner
- Encourage my child to take advantage of the opportunities offered, both educational and extra-curricular.
- Be respectful of other people's privacy by only placing comments and pictures of my own child/children on social media sites.
- Not use social media to post complaints, concerns or issues relating to my child specifically; I will use the appropriate pastoral channels (Amanda Jones, Learning Mentor, Class Teachers or Senior Leaders) for these.
- Acknowledge that Willowcroft does not want mobile phones in school (unless you have a signed permission slip) and is not liable for any loss.
- Ensure I park and behave respectfully to local residents, when dropping off and collecting my child from school.

## **School**

Staff at the school will:

- Provide a high standard of education for your child to enable them to achieve their best.
- Care for your child's safety and happiness.
- Provide a safe learning environment, where the welfare of children and safeguarding are promoted.
- Deliver a balanced, creative and carefully planned curriculum which meets the needs of your individual child and which reflects the school's vision.
- Provide a range of after school extracurricular activities designed to enrich your child's experience.
- Encourage your child to have a growth mind set.
- Ensure that all home learning activities are given out regularly on an agreed day and that they will reflect your child's learning needs.
- To actively welcome parent/carers and grandparents into the life of the school and ensure that teaching staff are always available, by mutual agreement, to discuss any concerns you might have about your child's progress or welfare.
- Keep you informed about the school's policies and guidelines on behaviour and equal opportunities, other school matters and in particular about your child's progress.
- Ensure that all staff keep up to date on important educational developments and initiatives which may affect your child, and to inform you of these where appropriate.
- Provide a range of extra-curricular activities designed to enrich the children's school experience.
- Promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

## **Governors**

Our Governors will carry out their legal responsibilities to the school and ensure:

- That school policies provide care for every pupil.
- That funding received by the school will be used responsibly to provide the curriculum and support services our school needs.
- That they will meet regularly to carry out their function.
- That they will visit the school regularly.

## **Willowcroft Home School Agreement**

Once you and your child have read and understood this agreement, please sign the sections below and return this page to the school office.

### **School**

We agree to follow the Home School Agreement to the best of our ability:

Signed:



Amanda Doy  
(Head Teacher on behalf of all staff)

### **Governors**

We agree to follow the Home School Agreement to the best of our ability:

Signed:

Carol Diffenthal  
(Chair of Governors on behalf of all governors)

### **Parents/Carers**

We agree to follow the Home School Agreement to the best of our ability:

Signed: .....

Name(s): .....

### **Child (or parent on behalf of child)**

Signed: .....

Name: .....

Date: .....

**Please sign the agreement and return this page to the school office.**