

Home - School Agreement 2018-19:



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Whilst it is no longer a statutory requirement of all schools to publish a home-school agreement and receive an associated parental declaration, we feel that it is important to all an agreed partnership between home and school. The School and Governors ask that all parents/carers who accept a place at the school sign the document to signify that they understand and accept the constitution of the school and the partnership. The agreement will be sent out annually and with other information before a child starts at the school.

A successful partnership between school, church, parents/carers and pupils enables each pupil to take full advantage of all that the school has to offer. Our home-school Agreement covers:

- The School's Aims, Values and Commitments
- The School's responsibility towards its pupils
- The responsibility of a pupil's parents/ carers
- What the School expects of its pupils

We ask you to read the following included with this letter:

- School Charter
- 'Together We Learn' Golden Rules
- Pupil's Rules for Responsible Internet Use
- School Uniform
- Social Media Code of Conduct, Driver's Code of Conduct and Playground Code of Practice

Please could you then tick the boxes and sign the 'Home-School Agreement' page, including your child's name at the top.

It is also a statutory requirement that we check every pupil's data records annually to ensure that we have the most up to date information. Please could you therefore also check your child's 'Data Collection Sheet' attached and make any amendments.

Please could you return the signed Home-School Agreement (printed on the pink sheet) to the school office by Fri 14th September.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Clare Jones

Headteacher

Christ Church School Charter

Christ Church C of E Primary School exists solely to provide a high quality education for the children in our area. The life of the school is shaped by the religious principles, practices and beliefs of the Church of England. These define the inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum we offer whilst also underpinning our regular pattern of collective acts of worship, and broader ethos of the school.

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At the heart of the school's Christian distinctiveness is the belief that every person is valued and loved unconditionally by God, and that we all have a part to play in loving and valuing others. We celebrate the fact that the school welcomes people whatever their faith. This is demonstrated by the broad diversity of the school community.

This charter sets out our convictions and commitments in delivering high quality education within this context, and it defines the framework for the ongoing running of the school. It forms the backdrop against which all policies and decisions are reviewed and implemented. The charter is intended to be binding on the Academy Trust and Governing Body.

Review

Some elements of the charter are enshrined in regulation. Other sections reflect our current policy, but we see no reason and have no plans to change these in the foreseeable future.

The Charter will be reviewed every year and can be modified, but only by a 75% majority vote of a quorate Full Governing Body meeting. Any proposals for change must be submitted to all Governors at least 2 weeks in advance to allow time for discussion and consideration prior to the meeting.

Our **objectives** are to:

- Develop Christ Church C of E Primary as an excellent school focused on our children
- Enable the development of academic, personal and social skills in an environment that supports every child
- Value children, family members and staff as individuals, maintaining the school as a comprehensive and inclusive community
- Be valued by the community of which we are part.
- Be a fair employer committed to the principles of equalities for all and professional development for all staff

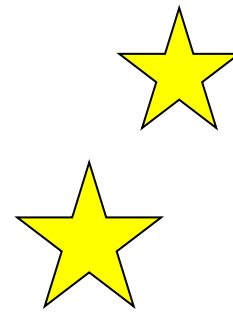
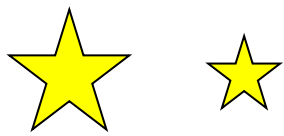
Commitments:

We will not:

Charge for education:	There will be no charge in respect of admission to the school or for any of the standard elements of the curriculum. We may make a charge for some extra-curricular activities and trips where maintained schools would also tend to charge
Accept behaviour or actions that do not fit with our beliefs and attitudes:	We will recognise and challenge any instances of bullying or poor behaviour and instead encourage caring, supportive and positive attitudes.
Become selective in our admissions policy:	We will operate in such a way that we are accessible to children regardless of faith, ability or background

We will:

Continue to establish and nurture the following values in all dimensions of the school:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindness • Honesty • Aspiration • Responsibility • Respect • Co-operation
Exhibit a positive attitude to children learning and succeeding:	Support all our children to achieve across the spectrum
Operate a transparent admissions policy:	Our admissions policy is in line with the requirements that apply to maintained schools. We will consult on any proposed changes to that policy
Provide a broad and balanced curriculum:	We provide a broad and balanced curriculum that includes English, Mathematics, Humanities, Language, Science, ICT , RE and PE with a focus on key learning and enquiry skills. Information on our curriculum is available on the school website
Monitor achievement through assessment:	<p>Our pupils are assessed using a combination of national tests and other assessment practices.</p> <p>The school's performance will continue to be monitored by OFSTED periodically and through annual external assessment</p>
Encourage a partnership between the school and parents:	<p>We expect the school and parents/carers to act together to support their children in education. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and regular questionnaires • Regular communication through newsletters and website • Updates on progress through parents' evenings • Engagement with a successful and active School Association whose contribution is highly valued
Require pupils to wear the official school uniform:	We believe that wearing school uniform encourages children to identify with the school and its aspirations. We aim to make our uniform affordable and will provide assistance to families who have difficulties with the cost of uniform
Employ all staff under equitable terms and conditions:	New and existing staff will be employed on terms that are in line with those which apply to maintained schools. At present this means the national agreement for pay & conditions between the teaching unions and local authorities for teaching staff and the local authority pay & conditions agreements for non-teaching staff
Consult staff for any material changes that are proposed:	Staff will be consulted on all matters relating to the terms and conditions of employment, involving trade unions and professional bodies where appropriate
Develop our staff:	We will encourage all staff to acquire further experience and learning so they will be better able to contribute to the school's objectives and their own development. Funding will be provided and time out of class or school granted for training when appropriate



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'Together we Learn' Golden Rules

We (the school) undertake to -	I (the pupil) will try to -	I (the parent/carer) will aim to-
Provide a rich and balanced curriculum delivered in ways that are developmentally appropriate to our children in accordance with the School Charter	Do my best	Have read the School Charter. Encourage my child to have a positive attitude to learning
Develop each child's potential, both in educational terms and as a member of society	Concentrate on learning and let others do the same	Support the Aims, Values and Policies of the school
Encourage your child to develop lifelong learning skills and positive attitudes to life's opportunities and challenges	Work on building my own learning power	Model for your child the learning skills and values covered by the school
Provide a safe, orderly and caring school experience for your child	Follow the school rules – take care of each other, our building and equipment	Support your child in following school rules. Follow the Driver's Code of Practice and park my/our car considerately
Aim to be inclusive in all things	Respect differences	Let us know if you or your child feels excluded
Treat children, parent/ carers and one another with respect and tolerance. Show zero tolerance to bad manners and unkind behaviour	Be polite, kind and thoughtful towards everyone	Treat staff, other parents and children with politeness and respect
Keep you informed about school, its curriculum, organisation and your child's progress	Join in review sessions so that I know how I am progressing. Work on improving my targets	Read school communications and respond if appropriate. When homework is set, ensure that it is completed within the set time schedule
Provide guidance to enable you to support your own child's learning at home	Read at home every night and complete any homework given	Share your child's reading book; prompt them to bring one home
Respond promptly to any concerns you or your child may raise with the school	Tell a member of staff if something is worrying me or if I am hurt or not feeling well	Approach the appropriate person with regard to any concerns or information
Welcome your support and involvement in the work of the school and your child's development	Wear my school uniform daily. Look after my own belongings, share good ideas with staff for improving things at school	Ensure your child attends regularly, is punctual and wears their school uniform each day. Avoid taking children out of school during term time

Pupil Data

Schools collect, process and store personal data for reasons of delivering education; under this basis, we will be asking initially and at regular points during a child's primary education, for child and parent/carer data in order for us to fulfil our duties. On our website under 'About Us' 'Data Protection', we publish a '**Privacy Notice for Pupils**', to which you can refer if you would like to know what sort of data we hold, and what we do with it.



Under 'About Us' 'Policies' you can also view our **Data Protection Policy**. The school is supported by an external Data Protection Officer in the event of any data incidents.

Communication between the School and Parents/ Carers

The school uses a number of formats in which to communicate with parents/ carers – these are listed below. Where possible, communication will be electronic in format unless deemed appropriate/ necessary to send out a hard copy.

All letters sent out electronically will be published on the website under 'Office' 'Letters' and listed at the end of each weekly newsletter – if you feel that you are missing a letter, hard copies of all communications will also be held by the school office. Upcoming school event dates are published on the website calendar and at the end of the newsletter.

To ensure you receive all communications, please keep our school office apprised of any changes to your email and/ or phone number.

Type	Content	How sent/ where stored
Text	Urgent information	To mobile phone of primary pupil contact
Letter	Communication about upcoming school events, trips, workshops, changes to plans etc	Email to email address of primary pupil contact Published on website under 'Office' 'Letters'
Weekly newsletter	Update/ celebration of the week's activities, information about upcoming whole school events, PTA events, calendar of the term's activities	Email to email address of primary pupil contact Published on website on 'Home' page under 'Newsletters'
Termly curriculum newsletter	Overview of your class' teaching and learning that term	Email to email address of primary pupil contact Published on website under 'Children' 'Class pages'
Website	Information about the school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters • Newsletters • Curriculum statements • Term dates • Uniform • Policies • Statements on safeguarding, equality & diversity, inclusion, Pupil Premium, Sports premium, recycling • Calendar 	http://www.christchurch.bristol.sch.uk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap around care • External reports • Budget • Staff • Governors • Church • PTA • Children class pages • Sports/ Music and other events • News articles

Pupil's Rules for Responsible Internet Use

These rules help us to be fair to others and keep everyone safe:

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I will ask permission before using the Internet *
I will only open my own files *
I will use only my class login and password *
I know that I must never give my home address or phone number, or arrange to meet someone *
If I see anything I am unhappy with or I get messages I do not like, I will tell a teacher straight away *
I understand that I must not bring into school and use or download software or files without permission
I will not use any personal social networking sites in school such as facebook, MySpace, bebo, twitter or msn
I will not attempt to buy any items using the school computers
I will only email and open attachments from people I know, or that my teacher has approved
The messages that I send will be polite and sensible
I understand that the school may check my computer files, emails I send and the Internet sites that I visit
I understand that if I deliberately break these rules, I may not be allowed to use the Internet or school computers *

Foundation and Key Stage 1 children need only agree to statements marked with an * for their level of understanding but should be aware of the remaining statements.

The school may exercise its right to monitor the use of the school's computer systems, including access to the websites, the interception of email and the deletion of inappropriate materials where it believes unauthorised use of the school's computer system is or may be taking place, or the system is or may be used for criminal purposes or for storing unauthorised or unlawful text, imagery or sounds, The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) monitors all Internet use and will notify the police and Local Authority of an illegal website is accessed.

Codes of Practice for Parents/ Carers:

Social Media

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents or pupils. The Department for Education and Christ Church School Governors considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and the school will report these occurrences to the 'report abuse' section of the network site.

Any concerns a parent/ carer may have about the school or their child/children must be made through the appropriate channels (as listed in our Concerns and Complaints policy held on our website under Policies) by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, where they will be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

Any photos taken during school events are for personal use only and not to be shared on social media.

Travel to School

The School's Travel Plan sets out the desire of the school and Governors to:

- Encourage walking and cycling to school (or public transport where it is relevant).
- Improve the safety of those travelling to school.
- It is recognised that inevitably there are circumstances in which parents/carers have to drive between home and school. These parents/carers are asked to act responsibly and not endanger the lives of any of the children at Christ Church as well as their own. They should remember to follow the Highway Code and to:
 - Not stop, even to drop off, on any of the zigzag yellow lines or coach bay beside each of the School entrances (*the zig zags are there to provide visibility and safety for pedestrians crossing from one footway to another. The coach bay is there for safe transport of children on trips.*)
 - Not block the school main gate or use the school car park which is for staff and visiting professionals and contractors only (*children accessing before and after school club walk through the car park; excessive use of the car park endangers them*)
 - Not park on pavements or across driveways of local residents (*parking on the pavement on the school side of Royal Park greatly restricts the footway used by pedestrians*)
 - Not park within 5m of any road junction or on street corners (*this is particularly applicable to the top of Kensington Place where it meets Lansdown Road where pushchairs need to cross to reach the school gate*)
 - Try parking further from the School and walk the short distance in
 - Drive carefully and give way to pedestrians and cyclists in the vicinity of the School.

All parent /Carers are expected to follow this Code of Practice

Walking to and from school

Children in Years 5 & 6 may walk themselves to and from school with written permission from parents/carers. Younger siblings in years 2 and above may be picked up by older siblings to walk home, again with written permission from parents. Children will not be released from school to walk home alone unless the school has permission in writing.

Playground

At school drop off and pick up times, the playground undergoes a high volume of pedestrian traffic. In order to keep this area safe for all users we respectfully ask that you:

- Leave dogs at home or tied up outside the playground while you are dropping off / picking up your children
- Dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gates and push these to the available bike and scooter racks
- Vacate the school site in good time after dropping off and picking up your children
- Be aware that before dropping off to the classroom door in the morning and after picking up from the classroom door at the end of the school day / after school clubs sessions, your children are your responsibility

Mobile Phones

Children should not have a mobile phone at school unless agreed with the child's class teacher and parent. If agreed, the phone must not be used on the school site and must be handed to the class teacher on entry into the classroom in the morning and will be returned to the children at 3.15pm

Attendance

Parents/ carers must notify the school office between 8.30-9.00am if a child is to absent that day. If the absence is planned, for example medical appointments, a leave of absence form must be completed and returned to the school office. Term time holiday requests are unauthorised.

School lunch

Children may bring a packed lunch into school, be picked up by a parent/carer to eat lunch at home, or have a paid school lunch. School lunches are provided by caterers AiP (Alliance in Partnership) and **MUST** be pre booked and paid for through the school's online payment portal, ParentPay. Meals booked for Reception, Yr1 and Yr 2 children are free through the Government Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, but **MUST** still be pre booked by the parent/ carer through ParentPay. Un-booked meals will not be made by the kitchen.

Trips

During the course of the year several trips and workshops will be arranged by the school/ class teachers to enhance children's learning and support topics that they are working on. Other than residential trips where payment is compulsory, contributions for trips and workshops is voluntary, but please be aware that these trips are not funded by the Government and if insufficient moneys are received the school will need to cancel trips. Please support the school by making these contributions before the deadline to enable the school to make the decision in whether the trip can go ahead.

School Uniform

Christ Church School is a uniformed school and we require all children to wear the correct uniform every day unless told that it is an optional uniform day. There is Christ Church School PE kit which children are required to have daily at school in a named PE bag. School PE kit must be worn for all school PE lessons and when out representing the school at sports events. The School PE kit must not be work during the school day to replace normal uniform. The School uniform supplier is Famous School Branches (<https://store.famousbranches.com/>) – uniform can be purchased in store or ordered and delivered to school.

GIRLS UNIFORM	BOYS UNIFORM	PE KIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey skirt, dress, shorts or trousers • White/ light blue blouse, shirt or polo shirt with school logo • Navy blue Christ Church jumper or cardigan with school logo • Dark shoes • White or dark socks/ tights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey shorts or trousers • White/ light blue shirt or polo shirt with school logo • Navy blue Christ Church jumper or cardigan with school logo • Dark shoes • White or dark socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue shorts, skort or tracksuit bottoms • Navy blue Christ Church PE hoody • White trainers • White socks



Home - School Agreement – child and parent/ carer both to sign

For (child's name)

Please read all of the below statements, tick the boxes you agree to, sign and date appropriately and return to your class teacher. Please keep a copy of the Home School Agreement at home to review with your child.

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Child agreement:

I am aware of and agree to abide by the 'together we learn' golden rules	
I have read and I understand the school rules for Pupils Responsible Internet Use, I will use the computer system and Internet in a responsible way and follow these rules at all times	

Signed Date

Parent/ carer agreement and consent:

I am aware of and agree to abide by the 'together we learn' golden rules	
I am aware of and agree to abide by the school 'codes of practice'	
I have read and understood the school rules for Responsible Internet use and give permission for my son/ daughter to access the Internet. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to ensure pupils cannot access inappropriate materials. I understand that the school cannot be held responsible for the nature or content of materials accessed through the Internet. I agree that the school is not liable for any damages arising from use of the Internet facilities.	
I agree that, if selected, my son/ daughter's work may be published on the school website. I agree that images, sound files and video that include my child may be taken in school, at school events and on school trips. I understand that these may be published subject to the school rules that this content will not clearly identify individuals and full names will not be used	
I agree that parents/ carers at Christ Church School may take photographs of children in school (eg assemblies), on school trips and at sporting events, and understand that these will be used for school/ personal parent records and not published on social media sites.	
I agree that my son/ daughter may be taken on school trips within 1 mile radius of the school (trips further afield than this will require individual parental consent)	

Signed Date