

Home School Agreement

(statutory)



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We value the contribution you make to your child's education and want to strengthen this partnership through out Home School Agreement. We know that children do well at school when their parents and teachers work together, sharing responsibility for the education of your children.

Standard of Education

We have a responsibility to ensure that each child is given a high standard of education in all areas of school life.

All pupils have access to the national Curriculum to which they are entitled, Key Stage 1 for children of five to seven years and key Stage 2 for children of seven to eleven years. This provides a broad and balanced curriculum, which is planned by teachers to meet the needs of all the children. In addition, our School Curriculum provides further educational experiences and challenges for all children, believing them to be important in the all-round development of the child.

Guarantee

We give you a guarantee that while your child is at Newchurch School he or she will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- a residential visit to an educational outdoor pursuits centre
- musical instrument tuition
- swimming tuition
- a local environment study
- a production in front of an audience
- making a book and reading it to a younger audience

The Ethos of the School

All children are entitled to high quality educational experiences which will enhance self esteem, skills, knowledge and personal satisfaction, enabling them to develop a positive attitude to their own individual achievements and those of others through the experiences of continued challenges and new successes.

Attendance

- Regular attendance is very important and children must attend school on time unless there is a good reason, such as illness.
- It is your responsibility to tell the school if your child cannot attend.
- The Government has made it very clear that parents do not have the legal right to take children on holiday during term time. The Governors must be asked to authorise such absences beforehand.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of the school curriculum planned. It is aimed to improve and develop important skills, particularly those of independent learning. All children are encouraged to read or share a book with you on a daily basis. In addition, homework time is extended as appropriate to the child's age.

Thank you for your co-operation. We look forward to working together during the coming year.

Discipline and Behaviour

We recognise that you, as parents have a vital role in encouraging your child to behave well and in supporting the school in maintaining good behaviour and discipline. For our part we have a positive discipline policy which includes an anti-bullying policy designed to provide a safe and secure place for all children. We would also ask that you refrain from discussing school matters on any social media network site.

Information Exchange

It is essential that we communicate with each other and exchange information about your child particularly when it might affect their work or behaviour. We have both formal and informal systems of open access and communication:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Open Evenings
- Open Afternoon
- Termly forecasts of work
- Reading records and the school website
- Full reports for all children at year end
- Letters from school advising of events, arrangements and policies
- Parent Teacher Events
- Governors' Annual General Meeting
- Curriculum evenings including Back to School meetings
- New Parents' Evening
- Personalised Plans meetings

General Complaints Procedure

We have procedures for dealing with any complaints. These generally involve a discussion of any issues with the class teacher, the Headteacher and in the case of an unresolved situation with the Chair of Governors.