



DUCKMANTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Home-School Agreement

At Duckmanton Primary School we believe that a successful education is built on a strong partnership between the school, parents, and students. This agreement outlines our shared commitment to working together to create a positive, respectful, and supportive learning environment. By fostering open and constructive communication, maintaining high standards of conduct, and collaborating to meet each child's individual needs, we aim to ensure every student reaches their full potential. Together, we can nurture a community where learning thrives and mutual respect is at the heart of everything we do.

We are committed to working with parents to promote children's online safety and believe that, as adults, we have a responsibility to behave as role models in our own use of social media. Staff are subject to a policy and guidance concerning any use they make of such sites. We ask that parents, carers and other members of the school community also bear in mind their own approach to the use of social media as detailed in the school's Online Safety Policy. Further, we ask for parents and carers support in addressing any inappropriate use of digital communication devices by pupils in school.

As a school we strive to achieve the best for all children, however we recognise that on some occasions you may feel that we could have done better. We ask that careful thought is given to any posts concerning the school or individual members. We would be grateful if parents do not use social media to raise concerns or complaints but, instead, encourage you to come into school and speak to us so that we can understand and help to solve the problem. If you then feel that the issue has not been dealt with appropriately, we will provide you with the Complaints Procedure. It is all our interests to address issues without delay so that we can maintain the focus on children's welfare and learning.

It is easy to make an entry on a site 'in the heat of the moment' but once material is on the internet it is difficult to fully erase. Such comments can be damaging to the individual and their welfare as well as, potentially, the smooth running of the school. There has been much publicity in recent times detailing the harmful effects experienced by children and adults from the misuse of social media. Inappropriate comments about staff, other parents or pupils will be addressed by the school in the same way as if these remarks were made in person, in the public domain.

(See notice in school regarding behaviour on school property). All individuals are expected to maintain respectful and appropriate conduct while on the school site. Any behaviour or comments that are threatening, discriminatory, offensive, abusive, involve foul language, or threaten violence will not be tolerated. In such cases, the Police will be informed and legal advice will be sought where necessary.

Although it is rewarding to hear of positive descriptions of school experience, it is important to bear in mind that other individuals may not wish to be named and situations can be misinterpreted. There are also likely to be negative consequences of posting pictures on social media which include children other than your own, without parents' permission.

Our commitment to you is to put the pupils' interests first and to work in partnership with you in this endeavour. Your co-operation in relation to the use of social media would be greatly appreciated. Enabling us to deal with any issues of concern through the appropriate process will help to maintain the focus on the school's core purpose.

Parents are asked to sign our Home/School Agreement when their child joins our school.

The agreement is in three parts:

Parents/Carers

I/We agree to:

1. Ensure my child goes to school regularly, on time and properly equipped, with clothing and belongings labelled.
2. Contact the school as soon as possible if my child is absent.
3. Ensure my child wears appropriate clothing taking due account of the school's uniform policy.
4. Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
5. Support my child in homework and other opportunities for home-learning.
6. Attend Parent's Evenings and discussions about my child's progress.
7. Get to know about my child's life at the school and what he/she is learning.
8. Set a good example for my child/ren and others, particularly when in or around school.

The School

- Care for your child's safety and happiness.
- Ensure that your child achieves their full potential as a valued member of the school community.
- Provide a balanced curriculum and meet the individual needs of your child.
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour through providing equal opportunities, building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- Keep you informed about general school matters and about your child's progress in particular.
- Be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of school.
- Contact you as soon as possible if we are concerned about your child's work or behaviour.

The Pupil

..... (pupil name) will try to display the school's TRUSTED values:

- Togetherness
- Respect
- Understanding
- Safe
- Truthful
- Excellence
- Determination

And abide by the school behaviour policy.

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Parent / Carer Signature

Dated