

At Stocksbridge Junior School, we believe clear responsibilities and expectations are essential in developing positive relationships between home and school. The responsibilities and expectations of the school, the family and the child are identified in our Home School Agreement.

Stocksbridge Junior School's home-school agreement clearly identifies:

- the school's aims and values;
- the school's responsibilities towards its pupils who are of compulsory school age;
- the responsibility of each pupil's parents; and
- what the school expects of its pupils.

Our home-school agreement does not:

- invite a parent or child to sign the parental declaration before the child has been admitted to the school;
- make the signing of the parental declaration a condition of the child's admission to the school; or
- base a decision about admitting a child to the school on assumptions about whether his or her parents are or are not likely to sign the parental declaration.

Our home-school agreement does not include any terms or conditions which would be unlawful or unreasonable, such as requiring parents to make a financial contribution to the school, or refusing to waive any requirement on school uniform in cases where the parent and child cannot comply for religious reasons. Breaches of the terms of the agreement will not be actionable through the courts. Furthermore, a child must not be excluded from school, or face punishment, as a result of a parent's failure to sign the agreement or abide by their declaration. Furthermore, parents should not face any sanction for either not signing the home-school agreement or failing to abide by its requirements.

Each pupil is issued with a school planner at the beginning of the academic year, which contains their home-school agreement. During the initial week of the academic year, class teachers will discuss the home-school agreement with their pupils and complete their declaration.

Parents are signposted towards their child's home-school agreement through the weekly newsletter and are invited to discuss the statements with their child before completing the parent declaration.

## **Stocksbridge Junior School's Home School Agreement**

### **School will:**

- Care for your child's safety and well-being.
- Seek to ensure that your child achieves to their full potential as a valued member of the school community.
- Provide a balanced curriculum to meet the needs of your child.
- Strive to achieve high standards of work.
- Strive to achieve positive behaviour and develop a sense of responsibility through building good relationships.
- Encourage a caring environment.
- Keep you informed of general school matters and about your child's progress.
- Be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved with the daily life of the school.

Signature (Class Teacher): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Headteacher): \_\_\_\_\_

**I will:**

- Attend school regularly and on time with everything I need.
- Work hard and strive to do my best.
- Wear the school code of dress and be tidy in appearance.
- Be well-mannered, respectful and honest, helping and supporting others
- Take pride in the school by respecting our environment.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Family will:**

- See that my child attends regularly, on time and properly equipped, informing school if they are unable to attend.
- Ensure that the school is aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for acceptable behaviour; including appropriate use of technology.
- Support my child in homework and other opportunities for home-school learning.
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress.
- Take time to know about my child's life at the school.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_