

WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT POLICY

1. Purpose of the Home-School Agreement:

1.1 Home-school agreements can raise standards and contribute to school effectiveness by providing a framework for partnerships between parents, pupils and teachers.

1.2 The processes involved in introducing and reviewing the agreement will clarify what the school is trying to achieve. The agreement will set out the role of the school, parents and pupils.

1.3 The partnership promoted by an agreement should result in:

- Better home-school communication (for example, on issues such as pupil progress, information on what pupils will be taught, homework, and domestic concerns that may affect the pupils' ability to learn effectively)
- Parents and teachers working together on issues of concern (for example, aspirations, expectations, behaviour, bullying and drug education)
- Parents supporting and helping their children's learning at home more effectively
- The identification of issues that need to be addressed through the School Development Plans

2. Actions:

2.1 The governing body must have regard to the Secretary of State's guidance in carrying out their responsibilities relating to home-school agreements, entitled 'Home-School Agreements: Guidance for Schools'.

2.2 All reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that all registered parents and guardians of pupils of compulsory school age sign the parental declaration when each of their children joins the school, to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the agreement. However, the governing body is not required to seek the signature of a parent where they consider that there are special circumstances relating to the parent or pupil in question that would make it inappropriate to do so.

2.3 Parents should also explain the agreement to their children and ask them to sign the form.

2.4 This policy together with the Agreement (see Annex I) is to be reviewed every two years in partnership with all stakeholders.

Status of this Policy: APPROVED

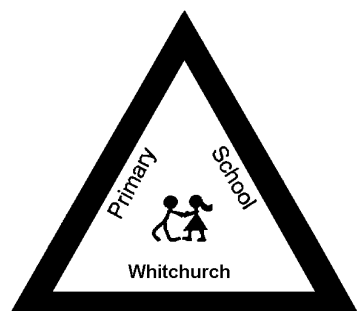
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Annex I: Whitchurch Primary Home-School Agreement



Whitchurch School Home-School Agreement

The School Will....

- Respect and value each child as an individual within the school community
- Provide a safe, secure and happy environment
- Supply parents with information on topics being taught and how they can help
- Provide a balanced and challenging curriculum, giving parents feedback on their child's progress
- Foster good behaviour

Parents Will...

- Support home learning and attend parental interviews to discuss pupil progress
- Promptly notify the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect the child's well-being
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour and attendance
- Take as active a role in the school as possible

Children Will.....

- Be honest
- Take care not to hurt anyone by what they say or do
- Respect school equipment and care for their own and other people's belongings
- Work their hardest and do their best
- Work as a team, respecting the difference of others

Together We Will....

- Build each child's confidence and self-esteem
- Celebrate the achievement of every child
- Take pride in our school
- Listen to each other's concerns and act on them

Signatures _____Parent/Guardian

_____Child

_____Headteacher