

Working Together to ensure the best for your children

Our school recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. We want to outline the expectations we have for parents when it comes to their child's education and involvement in the school community.



Trusting Us as a School

We understand that by choosing our school, parents place their trust in us to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment. We are committed to upholding this trust by delivering high-quality education and supporting the holistic development of each child. If you feel we fall short of this, please come and speak with us as it is important it is brought to our attention.

Behaviour

In School we work with your children daily to ensure that they have an awareness of and an understanding of the values of co-operation, respect, peace and responsibility. This is to develop them socially and to help them prepare for the next step of their journey as they leave us. We expect parents and carers, as their adult role models, to support us in instilling these values with your children.

Communications with School

Effective communication between parents and school staff is vital for the success of our pupils. Parents are encouraged to engage with the school through various channels, such as email, phone calls, or face-to-face meetings. We value parental input and strive to collaborate closely to support each child's learning journey. The school also respects open and constructive feedback from parents who may have concerns or suggestions. We ask parents to work with us rather than against us to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils.

Parents are responsible for checking information sent out by the school on a daily basis. We will try where possible to give plenty of notice and reminders of events that are occurring throughout the school year.

We use various communication channels to keep you informed about school activities:

- Through **ClassDojo Whole School Story**, we share essential information about school events, dates, and achievements. It's crucial for parents to stay updated through this platform.
- We have **ClassDojo Class Story** to share class-specific updates and insights into your child's school day. Think of it as a child-friendly Facebook page, where we post pictures and share curriculum-related news. Teachers also use this feature to provide homework details and class-specific information.
- **ClassDojo Messages** enable parents to communicate with teachers for quick messages such as sharing information on homework or achievements. Please keep messages concise, as our staff are often busy teaching or preparing lessons. For urgent concerns or in-depth discussions, please contact the office to share any information or arrange a face-to-face meeting.

*****If you have a concern that requires immediate attention, please contact the office to schedule a discussion.*****

*****Please note, staff will not address lengthier messages or complaints in on ClassDojo but will be happy to address these face to face.*****

- **School Spider** is now only used for booking parents evening or reporting pupil sickness, as ClassDojo does not facilitate this.

Speaking with Staff

We believe in the power of open dialogue between parents and teachers. Parents are welcome to arrange meetings with staff to discuss their child's progress, well-being, or any concerns they may have. Our teachers are dedicated to providing insights and support to enhance each child's educational experience. We do not tolerate parents shouting at staff or attempting to dictate how the school should operate. We need to work together and role model the correct behavior and communication between home and school as this is vital in supporting the children's learning and development of their own communication skills. If it is unacceptable for the children to behave in that way, then it is unacceptable for the adults.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is fundamental to academic achievement. Parents are expected to ensure their child attends school consistently and arrives on time. If a child is unable to attend due to illness or other reasons, parents should notify the school promptly to report the absence. This can be done by calling the school office or using School Spider.

Uniform

Our school upholds a uniform policy to promote equality and pride among pupils. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child adheres to the school's uniform guidelines. By following these expectations, we aim to create a focused and cohesive learning environment for all pupils, as well as preparing pupils for future working environments.

Homework

We all know how important homework is in reinforcing the day's learning, so your support in ensuring it is completed is greatly valued. It is our expectation that as parents, you support your child at home with their reading and homework. By setting aside a little time each night to read with your child, you are not only helping them improve their reading skills but also helping to develop a love of learning. Encouraging them to complete their weekly homework tasks will instill a sense of responsibility and discipline.

Social Media

Parents are encouraged to follow our school's social media sites for updates, event information, and to stay connected with our school community. Following our social media platforms is a great way for parents to engage with the school and be informed about the latest news and activities. However, the school expects parents to address any concerns they may have directly with the school rather than airing complaints on any social media sites.

We also ask that you do not post photographs of children other than your own on social media. We love to share photos on ClassDojo of what we have been up to in school but these are for our school community to enjoy and not social media sites.