

# Date Valley School

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## HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT POLICY

### **Purpose of the Home-School Agreement:**

- To raise standards and contribute to school effectiveness by providing a framework for partnerships between parents, pupils and teachers.
- The processes involved in 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.
- To achieve 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).
- To enable parents and teachers working together on issues of concern (for example, aspirations, expectations, behaviour and bullying).
- To encourage parents in supporting and helping their children's learning at home more effectively.

### **Topics covered in the Home-School Agreement: (see Home-School Agreement attached)**

- The ethos/aims of our school
- The importance of, and responsibility for, regular and punctual attendance
- The importance of, and responsibility for, good discipline and behaviour
- What is expected from the school, parents and pupils in relation to homework
- The information schools and parents will give one another

### **Roles and responsibilities:**

- The **School** will ensure 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. The school will review the content of the agreement regularly during the time the child is at school.
- 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.
- **Parents** should sign the parental declaration to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the agreement. Parents should also explain the agreement to their children and ask them to sign the form.
- **Children** sign the agreement as an indication that they acknowledge and accept the school's expectations of them.

### **Actions:**

- If parents fail to sign or abide by the home-school agreement then reasons should be given to the Principal.
- If parents have a concern about the school then they can make an appointment to meet with the Principal or follow the complaints procedure (see Complaints Policy)

This policy has been read and approved for Date Valley School, by the School Principal and the Date Valley Trust Policy Committee.

Date: March 2013

# Home-school Agreement. Learning Together



The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the partnership between parents / guardians and school.

**Name of the child:**..... **Current age:** .....

**Date:**.....

## **Insha Allah the school agrees to:**

- Provide a sound Islamic environment to nurture and educate your child in the deen, making Islam a way of life
- Foster in your child, a positive attitude to all aspects of school life
- Support your child to achieve their full potential
- Nurture your child , aiding the development of a positive self-image and high self esteem
- Foster in your child, a caring attitude within the school community
- Assist your child in developing a strong moral code that reflects the ethos of the school
- Welcome the community into the life of the school
- Strive to achieve high standards of work and behaviour
- Keep parents / guardians informed about the areas of learning that their child is engaged in
- Monitor your child's attendance, punctuality, progress and behavior, informing the parent / guardian if a concern arises
- Be available to discuss parent's concerns
- Demonstrate that each and every child is valued as an individual
- Inform parents / guardians of any concerns that may arise
- Provide opportunities for parents / guardians to express their views on school issues and have those views listened to
- Keep parents / guardians informed about school events and provide opportunities for involvement in school life
- Make every effort to ensure that school policies are understood and followed by staff, children, parents and guardians
- Day to day home / school communication via the home communication book

**Staff Signature:** .....

**Insha Allah the parents / guardians agrees to:**

- Emulate the Islamic environment provided at school
- See that my child attends school and is punctual, informing of any absences immediately
- Abide by and support all school policies, including Attendance and Behaviour
- Inform the school about any problems that might affect work or behaviour
- Avoid booking holidays and appointments for my child during the school day
- Offer support with reading, homework and other home learning activities (Quran, number bonds, spelling etc)
- Attend curriculum evenings and parent teacher meetings
- Provide the school with current contact details, including mobile numbers and email addresses
- Ensure that my child wears the correct uniform (including PE) and is fully equipped for school
- Sign the home communication book daily

**Parents Signature:** .....

**Insha Allah the child agrees to:**

- Spend part of the day reading and practising the Quran
- Follow the school rules and take responsibility for my behaviour
- Listen to my teacher and work hard
- Let my teacher know if I have any worries
- Be a friend to everyone
- Be kind and respectful to all adults and children
- Respect school property and the property of others
- Take my homework seriously and always try to complete it on time
- Always do my homework neatly
- Wear the correct school uniform and to always look smart being a representative of the school

**At our school:**

- We come to school every day, arriving on time and with all the things we need
- We look after our garden and school
- We use the rubbish bins
- We look after each other and ourselves
- If we are unhappy we go and talk to an adult
- Playtime is a time when we enjoy our school with our friends
- We are never unkind to each other

**Child's Signature:** .....