

Home School Agreement

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Purpose	To ensure the Academy, pupils and parents know the expectations of their role.
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Introduction

At Discovery Academy we aim to bring out the best in every child to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and to become confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community.

This home-school agreement supports our commitment to building effective relationships between Discovery Academy and our families and shows clearly the role each of us have to play on your child's journey.

Parents' responsibilities

Commitment	How you can do this
I will be supportive of school policies in particular the attendance and punctuality, homework, behaviour and uniform policies.	<p><i>Encouraging child to behave well in school and supporting teacher/leadership decision making.</i></p> <p><i>Ensuring child attends school every day and arrives on time. If not, following absence policy and contacting school between 8:30am and 9:30am</i></p> <p><i>Make sure that my child is in the correct uniform every day.</i></p> <p><i>Not accepting swearing or aggressive language used by children. This includes language related to disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.</i></p>
I will take an interest in my child's learning	<i>Read weekly newsletters, termly newspaper and access class pages on X (Previously Twitter) and school website.</i>
I will attend all parent's evenings.	<i>Make appointments on Arbor within the time frame.</i>
I will support school and my child by attending Open events and workshops where possible.	<i>Using links in newsletters to sign up to events.</i>
I will let the school know in a calm and supportive manner of any concerns or problems I may have that affect my child's school day.	<p><i>Arrange a formal appointment time with staff member not 'on the door' conversations.</i></p> <p><i>Email staff or speak with Pastoral staff if required.</i></p> <p><i>No swearing, aggressive or emotive language used. This includes language related to age, disability, gender identity, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation</i></p>
I will not use social media (even private message groups and pages such as Facebook, WhatsApp and X) to express any concerns or problems I may have.	<i>Supporting the school through positive affirmations. Following the point above to raise concerns.</i>

The Academy's responsibilities

Commitment	How we will do this
We will treat all children fairly and encourage children to develop positive relationships.	<i>High expectations of all pupils.</i>
We will encourage children to behave well and provide a safe, secure and stimulating learning environment.	<i>Using reflect and restore to teach children the consequences of actions and words.</i>
We will provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum tailored to meet the needs of all our pupils.	<i>All children will access all areas of the curriculum and be celebrated for their achievements through Good Work assemblies, DoJos and certificates.</i>
We will have high aspirations for all pupils.	<i>All children will be taught the same values and expectations. Pupils will be exposed to similar experiences that are age related.</i>
We will set regular activities/ workshops/ assemblies linked to your child's learning so that parents can actively engage in their child's school experience.	<i>Set weekly reading, maths and English expectations for home learning. Provide a 'Home Learning club.' Have opportunities for parents to visit the classroom.</i>
We will let you know of any concerns we have and how you can help support your child.	<i>Through two parental consultation days and regular discussions if required. SEND pupils will have regular SEND reviews. Parents will be invited in to discuss concerns if required.</i>

Pupil's responsibilities

Commitment	How your child can do this
I will make sure I play my part in ensuring I am in school every day and on time.	<i>Go to bed on time and wake up on time so I have had enough sleep.</i>
I will be kind, helpful and friendly to my classmates.	<i>Thinking before you speak.</i>
I will behave well and show respect to school property.	<i>Follow school rules and values. Ask for help with emotional regulation if required. Use worry monster or Zones of regulation for support.</i>
I will always try my best and take responsibility for my own learning and behaviour.	<i>Listen to direction. Never give up – ask a friend if you're stuck. Telling the teacher if you do not understand something. Know that I can only control my actions and not that of others. Report poor behaviour/racism/homophobia/bullying to an adult for support.</i>
I will make sure I always look smart for school.	<i>Make sure you know where everything is.</i>
I will tell a member of staff if I am worried or upset by anything.	<i>By asking to speak to a member of staff to share worries. Using the worry monster. Speak to Well-being mentor.</i>
I will always be honest and truthful.	<i>If asked a question, answer it honestly and truthfully. Admit to mistakes and find solutions when things go wrong.</i>

Zero Tolerance

Swearing, threats, harassment or acts of violence will not be tolerated.

Any forms of this behaviour could result in adults being banned from the premises or pupils receiving sanctions in line with our Behaviour Policy and/or Anti-bullying policy.