

# HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT POLICY

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Beccles Primary Academy

**Agreed by Governors:** September 2021

**Next review:** September 2023

**Signed:**

## **Aims of Home-School Agreement:**

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

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.

The partnership promoted by the agreement should result in:

- Effective 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 for concern – for example, aspirations, expectations, behaviour, bullying and social education.
- Parents supporting and helping their child's learning at home.
- The identification of issues that need to be addressed through the School Development Plans.

## ***Actions:***

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'.

All reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that 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 child in question that would make it inappropriate to do so.

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

This policy together with the agreement is to be reviewed every two years in partnership with all stakeholders.

***By working together, we will be able to promote a positive ethos that will enable all children to flourish. We ask you to read and sign the following agreement reflecting this partnership.***

***Parents will:***

- Ensure that my child attends school regularly and notify the school as soon as possible if there is a reason for absence.
- Support home learning and attend parent interviews to discuss my child's progress.
- Make sure my child arrives on time, properly equipped for school.
- Ensure that my child wears the correct school uniform and PE Kit.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for positive behaviour.
- Keep the school informed of any change in circumstances that may affect my child's learning or well-being.
- Not post direct or indirect comments about the school on social media.
- Take as active a role in the school as possible.

***School will:***

- Respect and value your child as an individual within the school community.
- Care for your child's safety and well-being.
- Encourage all children to believe in themselves and to achieve their full potential.
- Teach your child to develop a positive attitude towards everyone, regardless of differences in gender, race, culture, belief and values.
- Provide a balanced, challenging and well-taught curriculum to meet the individual needs of your child.
- Ensure that each classroom is a positive and stimulating learning environment.
- Supply you, as parents, with information on topics being taught and feedback on your child's progress.
- Set homework to extend the curriculum work in school and send home books to read together.
- Provide prompt information to you about your child's behaviour or classwork that may be a cause for concern or celebration.
- Be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved in aspects of school life.

***Children will:***

- Come to school every day and be on time and bring all the equipment I need for the day.
- Wear the correct school uniform and PE Kit; taking pride in my appearance.
- Take responsibility for my school and home learning.
- Reflect on my behaviour and learning; taking responsibility for the things I do.
- Be polite and helpful to others, respecting all members of our school community and their property.
- Follow our school rules (Golden Rules, Marvellous Manners, Slick Sitting & S Code)
- Share and talk about any problems I have and ask for help when I need it.
- Take care of school equipment, our building and the school surroundings.

***Together we will:***

- Listen to each other's concerns and act upon them.
- Support the child's educational and social development.
- Celebrate the achievements of every child.
- Take pride in being a member of our school community.

***Signatures:***

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_