

RIDGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Working Collaboratively Towards Common Goals"

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

1. Introduction

The school is required by law to publish a Home-School Agreement and invite parents and carers of pupils of statutory school age registered with the school to sign a declaration supporting the agreement.

The Home-School Agreement is a statement explaining:

- the school's aims and values;
- its responsibilities towards pupils of compulsory school age
- the responsibilities of parents and carers
- what the school expects of pupils

2. Aims of the Home-School Agreement

Parents are recognised to be a child's first and enduring teacher. They play a crucial role in helping their children to learn. Children will learn more when schools and parents work together. Parents can help more effectively if they know what the school is trying to achieve and how they can help.

The aim of the home-school agreement is to provide a framework for the development of such a partnership.

3. The Standard of Education at Ridgeway Primary School

Parents can expect that their child will receive a high standard of education at Ridgeway. Children will have access to a broad and balanced curriculum which will be reflected in the requirements of the National Curriculum. Children will have access to a differentiated curriculum so that the needs of children of all abilities will be met .

4. The Ethos of the School

'The pupils' moral and social development is effectively promoted. Pupils are consistently helped to distinguish right from wrong. The school fosters and celebrates values of honesty, truth, fairness, respect and justice.

Ridgeway strives to maintain and promote good quality relationships in which everyone feels valued **and where children will:**

- **Develop lively enquiring minds and a spirit of curiosity**
- **Behave well**
- **Have high self-esteem through respect for themselves, others and the environment**
- **Communicate effectively**
- **Challenge themselves to fulfil their potential**
- **Be happy and confident life-long learners**

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5. Regular and Punctual Attendance by Pupils

The Secretary of State attaches great importance to Home-School Agreements as an additional means of promoting regular attendance;

- parents are responsible in law for ensuring that children of compulsory school age receive full time, suitable education;
- where the child is registered at a school, the law requires regular attendance. This means attending school punctually on every day and for the whole school day during term time, unless there is a good reason (such as illness) for absence;
- parents are responsible for notifying schools if their child can not attend;
- if attendance problems do develop, the school expects parents to work actively with school staff and the education welfare service to solve them;
- parents do not have a right to take children on holiday in term time. **Authorised holiday** absence must be granted in advance by the school **and will only be granted to pupils with good attendance records**

6. The Discipline and Behaviour of Pupils

Promoting good behaviour and discipline in pupils should be a partnership between home and school. Parents have a vital role in fostering good behaviour, and parental influence is critical in shaping pupil attitude and behaviour.

Pupils will be expected to observe the school's discipline and anti-bullying policy. Parents and teachers need to work together to maintain good behaviour and discipline.

7. Homework

A copy of this policy is available in school **and on the website**. Details will be circulated to parents at the beginning of each academic year.

8. Information Parents and the School will give to one another

Good communication between the school and the home is essential.

Curriculum information will be sent out to parents each term.

Parent Evenings are held each term and a written report is prepared on each pupil during the Summer Term. Staff are also available to discuss any issues or problems which might arise at any other time.

We ask that parents/carers also keep the school informed of any issues which might affect their child's behaviour

9. The School's Complaints Procedure

All parents have a right to have any complaints properly considered, although this will not always mean that a complaint will be upheld. A copy of the complaints procedure

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is available at school. Please come and discuss any concerns arising from the agreement or any aspect of school policy with teaching staff and/or the Headteacher.

Complaints will be handled sensitively and responded to as soon as possible.

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HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT FOR..... (Name of child)

PARENTS/CARERS

I/We will try to:

- see that my child goes to school regularly, on time and properly equipped;
- make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour;
- support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour;
- support my child in homework and other opportunities for home-learning;
- attend parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress;

Signature(s).....

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THE SCHOOL

The school will try to:

- encourage children to do their best at all times
- care for your child's safety and happiness;
- ensure that your child achieves his/her full potential as a valued member of Ridgeway;
- provide a broad and balanced curriculum;
- achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility;
- keep you informed about general school matters and about your child's progress in particular;
- be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the school;

.....Headteacher

THE PUPIL

I(pupil name) will try to:

- attend school regularly and on time;
- bring all the equipment I need every day;
- take pride in my appearance and wear Ridgeway school colours
- do all my classwork and homework as well as I can;
- talk to my teacher about any problem or worries I may have;
- be polite and helpful to others;
- look after the school buildings, grounds and equipment.

Signed.....

KS1 pupils are not expected to sign