



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

A message to parents and carers from the Chair of Governors:-

Forge Valley School is a place where all staff have high ambitions for our pupils and where we are committed to continuous development to ensure their future success. We maintain first class standards of education and discipline by working together with staff, pupils and parents.

One of our great strengths is the way we treat each child as an individual. We aim to provide the space, time and opportunity for our pupils to reach their full potential. We place a strong emphasis on the care of our pupils and work hard to create a pleasant, happy and secure environment where everyone is respected.

We encourage all prospective pupils and their parents to visit us, and you are assured of a very warm welcome.

As a School we will:

Teaching & Learning

- Provide a caring atmosphere
- Offer a wide and varied timetable to challenge and motivate pupils
- Recognise and reward achievement and good progress
- Match teaching to pupils needs

Attendance

- Contact parents when pupils are absent from the school without an explanation from home
- Recognise and reward good attendance
- Pursue parents whose child's attendance falls below 96%

Behaviour & Discipline

- Use the Positive Discipline Policy to ensure everyone feels happy and safe
- Make sure staff, pupils and parents know what behaviour is expected from everyone
- Take a firm stand on bullying and disruptive anti-social behaviour which interferes with others' learning and well-being
- Reward and sanction when appropriate

Homework

- Set and mark homework regularly and provide feedback

Communication

- Use Pupil Planners and reports to keep parents informed
- Arrange regular Parents' Events and involve parents in setting targets
- Help pupils when they experience difficulties
- Listen to you and your child and respond to your suggestions, thoughts, ideas and concerns about any aspect of school life

As Parents/Carers I/We should try to:

Teaching and Learning

- Take an interest in my child's learning
- Praise my child for efforts, good work and participation in school life
- Ensure that my child is actively supported in undertaking homework and any work missed through absence

Attendance

- Ensure that children arrive to school on time, every day, properly equipped to learn and in the correct uniform
- Let the school know as soon as possible the reasons why my child is absent
- Ensure that all holidays are taken during school holiday time
- Inform the school on the first day of any absence

Behaviour

- Actively support the school in promoting the Positive Discipline and Anti Bullying Policies which lie at the heart of the school community
- Give praise at home for good behaviour at the school
- Accept that there may be times when sanctions and punishments are required
- Work with the school to find solutions in cases of unacceptable behaviour
- To set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community

- To ensure that no members of staff, parents or children are the victims of abusive behaviour or open to threats from other adults on or off the school premises.

Homework

- Encourage learning at home
- Offer help and encouragement with homework
- Ensure homework is recorded in their Pupil Planner and completed on time
- Encourage my child to read regularly at home

Communication

- Share information with the school which may affect my child's work, progress, behaviour or well-being
- Monitor the recording, quality and completion of homework, signing the school pupil planner every week
- Inform the school of any change in home circumstances which may affect a child's learning
- Attend Parents' Evening and meetings about my child
- Raise concerns directly and promptly with the school and ensure that all communication with the school is undertaken in a respectful manner

Use of Social Media Sites

Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites Social media sites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Head Teachers, staff, and in some cases, other parents or pupils. We consider the use of social media sites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to your child's Form Tutor, their Head of Year or a member of the Senior Leadership Team so that concerns can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

In the event that any pupil or parent or carer of a child being educated at Forge Valley School is found to be posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social networking sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breach these rules. The school will also expect that any parent or carer removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying

The minimum age requirement for a Facebook, Snapchat or Instagram account is 13+.

As a Pupil I will try to follow the Home School Agreement:

Teaching and Learning

- Come to the school ready to learn with the correct equipment
- Do all my class work to the best of my ability
- Complete all work set in the time given
- Take part in all aspects of school life

Attendance

- Come to the school every day
- Be on time
- Wear the school uniform correctly and look smart

Behaviour and Discipline

- Show care, courtesy and consideration to staff, other pupils and visitors
- Respect the school environment (property)
- Keep the school smart and tidy (litter free)
- Be kind and courteous to all others both in and out of school and online
- Follow the school rules
- Accept sanctions and punishments when I do wrong
- Work with the school to find solutions to my behaviour if it is not good

Homework

- Record and take home any work set
- Do homework set and return it to my teacher on time
- Do homework to the best of my ability

Communication

- Take home letters, notes and reports and give them to parents/carers
- Take home my Pupil Planner and share it with my parents/carers
- Talk to my parents/carers and teachers about any worries I have in or out of the school

Signed for Forge Valley School



Mr D Barrowclough- Headteacher

Dated: _____

Parent's/Carer's Signature

Dated: _____

Pupil Signature

Dated: _____

Pupil Name - PLEASE PRINT _____