



Coates Way School

Home/School Agreement



We wish to create a culture of learning, where children are happy, enthusiastic, motivated and ambitious. We encourage mutual respect, support and collaboration between adults and children, both within the school and the wider community.

We believe that it is important to provide a secure, caring and stimulating environment for all our children, thereby promoting a sense of pride in our school. This can be done when all staff, parents and children understand their responsibilities and work together towards the same goals, as detailed in our home/school agreement.

The School will:

- ◆ Encourage children to do their best at all times.
- ◆ Provide a balanced, interesting and relevant curriculum.
- ◆ Inform parents of their child's progress through regular meetings and end of year reports. Day to day communication is facilitated in a range of ways including newsletters, text messages or notes to or from parents and home/school books.
- ◆ Inform parents about what the teachers aim to teach the children each term through year group curriculum maps. Additional information about English and Maths will be sent to parents as appropriate.

The Family will:

- ◆ Make sure that the child arrives at school on time (not left unsupervised in the playground before school) and is collected at 3.15 p.m. by an adult known to the child and school. Inform the school if someone other than the regular person is collecting the child.
- ◆ Make sure the child attends school regularly and provide a note of explanation or telephones the school if the child is absent.
- ◆ Support and adhere to the school's policies for behaviour, homework and school uniform. This includes writing comments in the reading record about the child's reading at home.
- ◆ Attend meetings that are relevant and involve their child.
- ◆ Let the school know of any problems which may affect the child's learning.
- ◆ I/we will support the school approach to online safety and not upload or add any text, image, sound or videos that could upset or offend any member of the school community, or bring the school name into disrepute.
- ◆ I/we will ensure that my/our online activity would not cause the school, staff, pupils or others distress or bring the school community into disrepute.
- ◆ I/we will support the school's policy and help prevent my/our child/children from signing up to services such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube whilst they are underage (13+ years in most cases).

- ◆ I/we will close online accounts if I/we/teachers find that these accounts are active for our underage child/children.
- ◆ I/we will ensure that any photographs or recordings of school events will be for personal use only and not shared on any social media websites.

The Child will:

- ◆ Keep any agreed class rules.
- ◆ Do their best, making every effort to produce class work and homework of a high standard.
- ◆ Be caring and considerate towards others.
- ◆ Have respect for their surroundings both inside the classroom and outside in the school grounds.

'Together' we will:

- ◆ Address any additional educational needs.
- ◆ Encourage our children to keep to the school rules, staying safe and enjoying learning.
- ◆ Support each child's learning to help them achieve their best.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding children in our school is the responsibility of everyone. As such, all the staff in our school have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This duty is placed upon the school by Section 175 of the Education Act 2002. This means that we have a Designated Officer for Child Protection. At Coates Way this is Mr Wells. If we are concerned that a child may be at risk from significant harm (abuse) or is being abused school is required to refer their concerns onto Social Care and the Police if necessary. In some circumstances this may happen without the consent or knowledge of parents/carers.

The school also has a responsibility to act upon other concerns that they may have about a child's welfare in circumstances where there are no suspicions of child abuse. Examples of this may be when a child is demonstrating inappropriate behavior, is involved in bullying, is failing to come to school or where difficulties at home are having an effect on the child's well-being. However, this list is by no means exhaustive.

At Coates Way there is an expectation that school will always discuss these issues with parents/carers before deciding upon a course of action to support the child. Our school has a safeguarding policy which explains all the above in much more detail. If you would like to see the policy please contact school to find the best way to access it easily.

Parents are expected to discuss the home-school agreement with their child and to sign below before returning it to the class teacher. A copy will be sent home.

SignedParent/carer Signed..... Class Teacher

Pupil Name SignedPupil (if appropriate)