

Annual Home School Agreement for our Early Years Classes

Smithy Bridge Primary School Mission Statement

Our school seeks to provide a safe and secure child-centred learning environment in which all are able to maximise their full potential. This is achieved through dedication to quality in every aspect of school life.

Parents, staff and pupils are all partners in school life. In order for everyone to get the most out of that important part of their lives spent in school, it is vital that the three work closely and happily together whenever possible. The government has decided that a formal agreement, laying out expectations and hopes, is now required in every school.

Therefore this agreement seeks to make it clear what each of the three should be doing to make sure school life is as worthwhile as possible for everyone who comes to the school, be they child or adult. The Parent or Guardian should sign his or her section, the child should sign his/her section, and the class teacher will already have signed his/her section.

Parents will need to read and explain to younger children their section of the agreement.

You will receive two copies of the document. One is for you to keep; the other is to come back to school as soon as possible, please.

The school tries hard to provide parents and carers with lots of information about the school and your child's progress. In return, we hope parents will keep the staff informed of any information that may impact on the child's life in school. The school website is a main source of information for all parents, and it also works as a powerful encouragement for children to join in with school life to the full and try their hardest. The school website address is: www.sbs.rochdale.sch.uk

Parents and guardians should be aware that website pictures of school life and pupils will abide by the school code of practice which means that:

- No photograph will depict a child in a situation that could cause embarrassment
- Photographs will be of a general nature depicting children taking part in all aspects of school life
- The context will not enable a child to be identified by name
- All photographs will be considered by the school to be in 'good taste'
- Parental requests to remove a picture or not to include their child in website photographs will be acted upon promptly.

WHAT WE ARE ALL AGREEING TO DO

THE PARENTS . . . / We will try to

- have a positive approach to my child's school life
- see that my child goes to school regularly, on time and properly equipped
- let the school know promptly if my child is unable to come to school, or if hometime collection arrangements for my child change
- let the school know promptly about any concerns or problems at home or at school that might affect my child's work or behaviour
- let the school know promptly of any change of address, new place of work or alteration to emergency contact telephone numbers
- support the schools policies for behaviour and school dress code
- support and encourage my child with homework and other opportunities for home learning
- attend parents' meetings with my child's teacher to discuss progress

THE STAFF OF THE SCHOOL . . . We will try to:

- do our best for every child, within a happy purposeful learning environment
- use positive encouragement to encourage every child to do his or her best at all times
- provide a broad, balanced curriculum for each child, matched to the child's ability
- encourage each child to develop positive attitudes to personal health and safety
- provide additional support wherever possible to support children when they find learning hard
- help children to understand why it is important to look after their surroundings and their own and other people's belongings
- encourage and help children to grow in their understanding of the need to respect other people's opinions and beliefs and to sort out disputes without resorting to threats or violence
- hold regular parents' meetings at which both each child's progress will be discussed and also information given on the school's curriculum
- send out regular letters from school keeping parents in touch with all aspects of school life
- set regular homework for each child and listen to parental comment on such work
- make sure parents know when their child is doing particularly well, and also share concerns and worries when necessary

THE EARLY YEARS CHILD . . .

It is important that the Early Years children are aware of our expectations. All staff, students and helpers will expect the children to be trying to keep to the following aims. Very young children need this consistency.

Please will you read through the list to your child and talk to him or her about what they mean.

Thank you.

I will try to ...

- do my best at everything I do in class
- come to class every school day unless I am not well
- be polite to everybody, and remember to use words like 'thank you', 'please' and 'excuse me'
- look after the school books and toys
- be kind to everyone and not to get cross or hurt anyone
- remember to share with the other children
- leave the class areas as I find them – tidy and ready for others to use
- walk and use quiet voices inside the classrooms – loud voices and running are for outdoor play
- help at tidy up time
- listen carefully to the staff and helpers