



Home School Agreement Policy

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Cox Green School

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Introduction

At Cox Green School we recognise that we all have a role to play in your son's or daughter's success. The Home School Agreement reflects this.

Staff Agreement—Committed to achievement

Learning

- We believe every student at Cox Green is fully capable of developing the academic and social skills necessary for educational, career and life success
- We will support every student to work hard to reach their potential
- We will make sure we always come to lessons prepared and continually engage students in the challenging work that paves the way for success in school and life
- We will ensure students are aware of their achievements and provide them with advice and guidance in order to further improve their learning
- We will set appropriate and regular classwork and homework which we will mark
- We will provide rewards for students' endeavour
- We will offer every child the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and or extra-curricular activities

Behaviour and Attendance

- We will care about our students' wellbeing, and protect their safety at all times
- We will ensure that each student's class teacher and form tutor will follow their progress and ensure that their individual needs are met
- We will regularly set targets for attendance and punctuality and monitor these closely
- We will go out of our way to get to know each of our students as individuals
- We will focus on promoting positive behaviour, helping to build self-discipline and encouraging respect for others
- We will enforce the Cox Green Code of Conduct consistently and fairly
- We will insist on high standards of behaviour and will hold students to account for their actions

Communication

- We believe to provide the best possible education for our students, partnerships between parents and staff must be strong
- We believe that through regular communication, a relationship of trust between school and home can be created
- We will hold parent evenings at least once a year and issue reports every term
- We will welcome parents into the school community and will treat them with respect and courtesy



Parent/Carer Agreement—Committed to Achievement

Learning

- We believe our child is fully capable of developing the academic knowledge and skills necessary for educational, career and life success
- We will support our child to work hard to reach his/her potential
- We will allow our child to participate in extracurricular activities
- We understand that our child will have homework and that it will increase in length as they progress through the school. It is our responsibility, with our child, to see that homework is completed, and class work is reviewed each day
- We will encourage our child to work independently
- We will support our child to pack correctly the night before each school day. Making sure they are properly equipped with the following each day: Cox Green school planner, exercise books for that day's lessons, the necessary homework completed, 2 black pens, 2 pencils, 1 sharpener, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 planner, 1 calculator, 1 highlighter, 1 protractor, 1 compass, 1 set square, 1 green pen, scissors, glue and in the ear earphones (for work in IT).

Behaviour and Attendance

- We have read and understood Cox Green's Code of Conduct and support the school's consequences for misbehaviour
- We will not ask that our child be excused from after-school detention for poor behaviour or other reason such as not completing homework. It is the responsibility of parents to make suitable travel arrangements to ensure their child can attend detention
- We will ensure our child arrives in school by 8.35 am
- We will not plan for family holidays or other absences during term time because of the impact it has on a child's grades and the message it sends about the importance of holidays over learning. We accept that the school will refer any unauthorised absence of this nature to the Education Welfare Officer, which will result in the issuing of a Fixed Penalty
- We will make certain that our child attends school every day, except in cases of illness or another legitimate reason
- We will schedule routine doctor and dentist appointments during times when the school is not in session
- If our child is absent, we will telephone the school before 8.00 am on the day of the absence to report the reason
- We will routinely review items posted on social media and being texted by our child to prevent any e-bullying of another child, or bullying towards our child
- We understand our child can have a mobile phone in their bag at school, but that it must be switched off (not on silent) whilst on school site and will not contact their mobile phone during the school day
- We understand it is our child's responsibility to record and inform us of the reasons for any detentions

Uniform



- We will make sure our child wears the full school uniform to school each day
- We understand that uniform violations will result in the child being sent home to collect the items or us bringing the proper items to school. Parents have the responsibility to ensure uniform is appropriate
- We understand that our child is not to wear: make-up; any other piercings with the exception of one pair of small, plain (gold/silver), studs; jewellery; dyed or extreme hair-styles
- No jewellery is permitted to be worn in PE lessons at any time

Communication

- We believe that to provide the best possible education for our child, partnership between parents and staff must be strong
- We believe that through regular communication, a relationship of trust between school and home can be created and therefore we will always make ourselves available to the school by providing an up-to-date phone number
- We will communicate with our child during school hours through the school reception, not via a mobile phone
- We will read all reports carefully, attend all parent meetings and sign our child's planner each week
- We will treat Cox Green staff with respect and courtesy and understand any request for a response from staff may take 48 hours due to teaching commitments
- We agree to discuss any concerns or complaints with school staff and not use social media sites to air grievances about staff, pupils, other parents or the school environment.

Signed

Print Name



Student Agreement—Committed to Achievement

Learning

- I will do WHATEVER IT TAKES to learn
- I believe I am fully capable of developing the academic knowledge and skills necessary for educational, career and life success
- I will always work, think, and behave in the best way I know how, and I will do whatever it takes for my Cox Green classmates and me to learn
- I will complete all my classwork and homework and I will talk to my teachers in advance if I have a problem with any of the work
- I will review my classwork daily
- I will endeavour to work independently and produce the best possible work
- I will pack correctly the night before each school day. Making sure they are properly equipped with the following each day: Cox Green school planner, exercise books for that day's lessons, the necessary homework completed, 2 black pens, 2 pencils, 1 sharpener, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 planner, 1 calculator, 1 highlighter, 1 protractor, 1 compass, 1 set square, 1 green pen, scissors, glue and in the ear earphones (for work in IT).

Behaviour and Attendance

- I will do WHATEVER IT TAKES to build a safe and respectful community in class, at breaks and within the local area
- I will always treat everyone at Cox Green school both in person and online with respect. This includes staff, students and visitors
- I agree to follow the school code of conduct and understand I will face the consequences if I fail to do so
- I know I am responsible for my own behaviour within school, outside in the local community and online
- I will wear my Cox Green uniform smartly every day and recognise that when I am outside of school and wearing the uniform I am an ambassador for Cox Green school and will behave accordingly
- I will attend school every day unless I am ill
- I will arrive to school by 8.35 am each day in good time for registration
- I will follow the school's ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- I understand I can have a mobile phone in my bag at school, but that it must be switched off (not on silent) whilst on school site
- I understand it is my responsibility to record and inform my parents/carers of the reasons for any of my detentions

Uniform

- I will make sure I wear the full school uniform to school each day
- I understand that uniform violations will result in me being sent home to collect the items or my parent/carer bringing the proper items to school.



- I understand that I am not to wear: make-up; any other piercings with the exception of one pair of small, plain (gold/silver), studs; jewellery; dyed or extreme hair-styles
- I understand no jewellery is permitted to be worn in PE lessons at any time

Communication

- I recognise that to receive the best education, partnership between my parents/carers and staff must be strong
- I will ensure that letters and information are passed onto my parents/carers
- I understand that it is my responsibility to get my planner signed by a parent/carer at least once each school week
- I will communicate in an appropriate way to students and staff in school by using appropriate language
- If I have a problem during the school day that I need to be resolved, I will talk to a member of staff. I will not take matters into my own hands and contact/text my parent/carer first as I need to give staff an opportunity to resolve it during the day
- I recognise the issues that social networking and texting can cause and will not bring these issues into the school
- I consent to the school sharing information such as my progress and attendance with parents/carers

Signed

Print Name



Communication of policy

This policy should be published on the School website and Staff Sharepoint and communicated to all Staff.

Evidence of implementation

The People and External Relations Committee will discuss this policy regularly.

Review of policy

This is a non-statutory policy and will be reviewed every 3 years by the School unless there are updates which are required to be made.