



JUNIOR SCHOOL
Together we make a difference

Dobcroft Junior School Home School Agreement

The responsibility for a child's education, the fulfilment of his/her potential as a learner and the need for each child to commit him/herself to high achievement, rests between the teachers and parents. There is much that school can offer which is enhanced if parents give their support.

We believe:

- that children should be happy at school and be able to enjoy a non-threatening environment in which to work and play
- that every child's skills and achievements and differences should be acknowledged and celebrated
- that children should have access to a wide range of opportunities and be able to participate in activities without reference to race, gender or special needs
- that children should commit themselves fully to school and the learning opportunities and activities it offers
- that courtesy, kindness and good manners are essential in all members of the school community
- that work should take place in a pleasant, stimulating environment in which the right of every individual to work and learn is acknowledged and respected by the behaviour and attitude of others
- that conflict should be resolved without resort to violence in either language or action.

We aim to:

- care for your child's safety
- help your child achieve his/her full potential
- provide a balanced curriculum and address the needs of your child
- achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility
- arrange appropriate out of school visits
- celebrate your child's achievements, including giving feedback on work
- respond to any concerns you may have
- set homework according to the school policy
- keep parents informed about general school matters and about their child's progress
- provide a copy of every general letter that is sent to parents by email or 'pupil post' in a file in the entrance foyer
- offer parents opportunities to become involved in the life of the school

We would like parents to:

- ensure that their child/children attend school regularly, on time and properly equipped for all lessons, including PE
- inform school as soon as possible when a child is absent because of illness
- keep school informed about home contact details and changes in circumstances
- let school know of any concerns or problems that might affect their child's behaviour or learning
- support and reinforce our policies and guidelines for behaviour
- support their child with home learning
- attend parents' evenings and discussions about progress
- read all letters from school and return reply slips or provide information as requested
- not take children out of school for holidays unless there are special or exceptional circumstances. (Please see Term Time Leave Policy on our website).
- ensure that all items of clothing are named and regularly check the lost property box in the school entrance
- ensure that children do not wear jewellery except for watches and/or stud earrings, which they can easily remove and keep in their drawer
- follow school requests about driving and parking in the close vicinity of school
- only send their children to school if they consider that they are in good health

We expect children to:

- bring all the equipment they need for school each day, including a change of clothing for PE
- do all school and home learning as well as possible
- be polite, helpful and respectful to others
- adhere to the school policy and guidelines for behaviour
- look after and respect their own and other people's property, including school property
- talk to a teacher or parent if someone is in danger or unhappy