



## **Cox Green School - Home School Agreement Policy**

This Home School Agreement is also published as Appendix 6 in our Behaviour Policy.

### **Introduction**

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

### **Staff Agreement—Be Respectful/Be Kind/Be Determined**

#### **Learning**

- We believe every student at Cox Green School 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 School's 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 are aware that all calls to and from the school are recorded, to promote transparency and ascertain fact. Further details can be found in the school Data Protection Policy on the school website.
- We will hold parent evenings at least once a year and issue reports twice a year.
- We will welcome parents into the school community and will treat them with respect and courtesy.



## Parent/Carer Agreement— Be Respectful/Be Kind/Be Determined

### 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 their potential.
- We will allow our child to participate in extra-curricular 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: Exercise books for that day's lessons, the necessary homework completed, 2 black pens, 2 pencils, 1 sharpener, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 calculator, 1 highlighter, 1 protractor, 1 compass, 1 set square, 1 green pen, scissors and glue.

### Behaviour and Attendance

- We have read and understood Cox Green School's Code of Conduct and support the school's consequences for misbehaviour.
- We will not ask that our child be excused from after-school reflection 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 reflections.
- We will ensure our child arrives in school by 8.30 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 can refer any unauthorised absence of this nature to the Education Welfare Officer, which may 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 notify 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 them via their mobile phone.
- We understand it is our child's responsibility to record and inform us of the reasons for any reflections issued.

### Uniform

- We will make sure our child wears the full school uniform to school each day.
- We agree that our child will borrow and wear uniform from Student Services if they have forgotten it or are not wearing the appropriate uniform.
- We understand that our child should not wear heavy noticeable make-up, false eyelashes or nail polish.
- We understand that our child hair should not be dyed or have extreme hair-styles.
- We understand that no jewellery is permitted to be worn with the exception of one pair of small, plain (gold/silver) studs. These must be removed for PE.



## 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, email address and home address is applicable.
- We will communicate with our child during school hours through the school reception, not via a child's mobile phone.
- We are aware that all calls to and from the school are recorded, to promote transparency and ascertain fact. Further details can be found in the school Data Protection Policy on the school website.
- We will read all reports carefully and attend all parent meetings.
- We will treat Cox Green School staff with respect and courtesy and understand any request for a response from staff may take two school days 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, students, other parents or the school environment, or any other school matters.



## **Student Agreement— Be Respectful/Be Kind/Be Determined**

### **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 School classmates and I to learn.
- I will complete all my classwork and homework and I will talk to my teachers without delay if I have a problem with any of the work.
- I will review my classwork daily and homework regularly.
- I will endeavour to work independently and produce the best possible work.
- I will pack correctly the night before each school day, making sure I am properly equipped with the following each day: Exercise books for that day's lessons, the necessary homework completed, 2 black pens, 2 pencils, 1 sharpener, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 calculator, 1 highlighter, 1 protractor, 1 compass, 1 set square, 1 green pen, scissors and glue.

### **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 Cox Green 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 School 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, except in cases of illness or another legitimate reason.
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- I will arrive to school by 8.30 am each day in good time for registration.
- I will follow the school's Student ICT and Mobile Device 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 inform my parents/carers of the reasons for any of my reflections issued.

### **Uniform**

- I will make sure I wear the full school uniform to school each day.
- I agree to wear uniform borrowed from Student Services if I have forgotten or I am not wearing the appropriate uniform.
- I understand that I should not wear heavy noticeable make-up, false eyelashes or nail polish.
- I understand that my hair should not be dyed or have extreme hair-styles.
- I understand no jewellery is permitted to be worn with the exception of one pair of small, plain (gold/silver) studs. These must be removed for PE.



## **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 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 school day.
- I recognise the issues that social networking and texting can cause and will not bring these issues into the school.
- I understand the school shares information such as my progress and attendance with parents/carers under Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005.