



Crawley Ridge Infant School



Home School Agreement 2023

What is a Home/School Agreement?

A home-school agreement is a statement explaining our school's aims and values, its responsibilities towards its pupils, the responsibilities of parents and carers, and what's expected of pupils. Since being introduced in September 1999, home-school agreements have become part of the administrative process when a child starts school.

Why do we have a Home School Agreement?

As part of our regular review of the Behaviour Policy, we recognised that our policy appropriately concentrates on pupil behaviour. However, no clear code of conduct had been established for our wider Crawley Ridge Infant School community. We believe it will be beneficial to clarify expectations for all school stakeholders to further promote our positive working relationship.

How do I confirm my acceptance of the Home/School Agreement?

Parents will be sent a short form via ParentMail to indicate that they have read and agree to this home-school agreement.

What if I do not agree to/or do not want to sign this home school agreement?

This agreement will benefit our whole community. As a school we have worked hard to make sure the agreement reflects our school's culture, vision and values. Parents/carers who do not sign and agree to the agreement will be invited in for a meeting with a senior leader at school to ascertain their concerns, provide further information and support our families.

What happens if the rules are not followed by a child or the parent/carer?

As with everything in life, mistakes happen – we firmly believe that mistakes are opportunities to learn, grow and do better. If you or your child do not follow some of the points raised in this agreement, staff will always communicate and remind in the first instance. If children struggle to follow the rules set out in this agreement, we will work closely with them and support them in class. If parents consistently and deliberately do not follow rules set out in this agreement, we will work closely with them and support them as needed. As a last resort parents/carers may be asked not to enter the school site. In the event of this happening, the school will make alternative arrangements for arrival and dismissal of children as needed.

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At Crawley Ridge Infant School, we will:

- Support your child's wellbeing and safety by providing a safe, supportive, and caring environment
- Help and encourage your child to reach their full potential
- Monitor and update you on your child's progress
- Communicate any concerns about your child's attendance/behaviour/wellbeing with you
- Respond to any concerns from children or parents/carers
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum that caters for all children, including when delivered remotely
- Offer appropriate feedback to allow pupils to continually improve
- Promote high standards of behaviour, outlining clear expectations in our behaviour policy so we can maintain a safe environment for all
- Communicate regularly between home and school through newsletters, email and the school website

As a Crawley Ridge Infant School parent or carer, I will:

- Accept the school's aims, values, policies and procedures, positively supporting our school
- Make sure my child attends school regularly and on time. I will notify the school if my child will be absent
- Make sure my child is dressed in the correct uniform and brings the necessary equipment to school
- Support the school to make sure my child maintains a consistently high standard of behaviour
- Encourage my child to always work to the best of their ability and reach their full potential
- Communicate to the school any concerns that I have about my child that may affect their behaviour in school or their ability to learn
- Treat all members of the school community with care and respect
- Not use foul language, smoke or show aggression/shout whilst on the school site
- Not bring dogs onto the school site (except for guide dogs), as we do not know their temperament or their vaccination status etc. Children, parents or staff may be allergic to or have a fear of dogs
- Consider carefully the use of digital technology including mobile phones, avoiding any photography of other children without permission, although special consideration may be given at events and performances; photos should still not be shared on social media without express permission from all parents of children appearing in the photo
- Attend and engage in parent meetings and work together with the school in order to achieve the best outcomes for my child
- Read and act upon any communications sent by the school
- Park my car courteously and drive cautiously; avoiding driving into the school unless instructed to by staff e.g., in an emergency etc.
- Follow the social media rules as set out under 'Additional Information'.

As a Crawley Ridge Infant School pupil, I will:

- Show that I am ready to learn in lessons, that I am respectful and safe
- Try my best to do my work and ask for help if I need it
- Speak to an adult about any problems that may affect my work or behaviour
- Speak to an adult about any concerns I have about my safety or that of another pupil
- Treat all members of our school community with care and respect
- Understand and follow our school rules
- Look after school equipment and show respect for our school and the local community

End of Home School Agreement

Additional Information

Social Media

Although social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about the school (and those associated with it), it is **never** appropriate to do so. Other channels, such as a private and confidential discussion with school staff, or using the school's formal complaints procedure, are much better suited to this.

The school considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites:

- Making allegations about staff or pupils at the school/cyber-bullying
- Making complaints about the school/staff at the school
- Making defamatory statements about the school or staff at the school
- Posting negative/offensive comments about specific pupils/staff/other parents at the school
- Posting racist comments
- Posting comments which threaten staff/children

This list is non-exhaustive and intended to provide examples only.

Parents should also ensure that their children are not using social networking/internet sites in an inappropriate manner. It is expected that parents/carers explain to their children what is acceptable to post online. Parents/carers are also expected to monitor their children's online activity, including in relation to their use of social media. As a school we will keep you updated with the latest advice and guidance regarding e-safety via our website. We also hold safer-internet week at school, as well as directed computing lessons and various assemblies which reiterate the rules of how to keep safe when online.

Procedure for addressing inappropriate use of social media

The school will always try to deal with concerns raised by parents in a professional and appropriate manner. We understand that parents may not always realise when they have used social networking sites inappropriately. Therefore, as a first step the school will usually discuss the matter with the parent, work to resolve any concerns and request that the relevant information be removed from the social networking site. If the parent refuses to do this and continues to use social networking sites in a manner the school considers inappropriate, the school will consider taking the following action:

- Set out the school's concerns to you in writing, issuing a warning and requesting that the material in question is removed
- Where inappropriate comments have been made on a school website or online forum, take action to block or restrict your access to that website or forum
- Contact the host/provider of the social media service
- Contact the Police where the school feels it appropriate – for example, if it considers a crime (such as harassment) has been committed; or in cases where the posting has a prejudicial element, is considered to be grossly obscene or is threatening violence
- Take legal advice and/or legal action where the information posted is defamatory in any way or if the circumstances warrant this, for example: any comments which include racist, sexist, homophobic remarks, harassment or intimidation and threats of violence will be reported to the police for their investigation.

We would like to remind you that you are legally responsible for what you do or say online and what you say openly can be accessed around the world in minutes and can be republished elsewhere. You must be willing to take personal responsibility for anything that you say online.

A school should be a safe place where relationships between staff, parents and visitors demonstrate a mutual respect and recognition of shared responsibility for pupils' welfare and educational progress.

This agreement sits alongside our ['Behaviour Policy'](#) used within school for all pupils.