

THE OAK BANK HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Our Home-School Agreement is based on the belief that students achieve more when teachers, parents and students work closely together. This agreement is an important part of our work to forge closer links with the parents of all our students. We hope that it will clarify what the school is trying to achieve and how you as parents can help us to help your child.

At the end of the agreement, there is a space for Staff, student and parental signatures. We ask you and your child to sign this as soon as possible in order to show your support for all aspects of the agreement.

What we aim to provide for your child:

We aim for excellence by providing a stimulating educational environment, which enables students to reach their full potential, encourages a sense of self-respect and promotes values based on respect for others.

In order to achieve our aims we:

- educate each student so that they have the opportunity to reach their potential;
- develop students self-respect and respect for others;
- provide equality of opportunity, counteracting ignorance, prejudice and discrimination;
- reward good behaviour;
- provide a broad curriculum which enables all students to develop their knowledge and interests;
- Keep you informed about the school and your child's progress;
- provide support and guidance to maintain the social, physical and emotional well-being of all students;
- make education challenging, fulfilling and enjoyable and encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning;
- encourage participation educational activities amongst the whole community;
- have a clear to follow behaviour policy;
- welcome your involvement in your child's school life;
- providing regular feedback to students about how they can improve their work.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Oak Bank School requires students to show an understanding of rules and expectations to allow everyone to work successfully, safely and enjoyably. It is important that students take pride in themselves and the school.

As a Student at Oak Bank I will:

- Respect myself, adults, other people and property.
- Attend school every day, in uniform and on time.
- Follow the behaviour policy.
- Work to the best of my ability at all times.
- Follow instructions.
- Listen to the opinions of others.
- Keep my hands, feet and objects to myself.
- As for help and support

What we ask of parents:

Parents have a very important role to play in supporting their child's learning. This includes showing a regular interest in their work, helping to get them organised and celebrating their achievements.

In order to help achieve these aims, I/we will:

- Work in partnership with the school in the promotion of good behaviour by emphasising the importance of my child's responsibilities.
- Praise achievement whenever this may occur – within lessons, regular extra-curricular activities or special events.
- Contact my child's tutor if there are circumstances or concerns, which may affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Aim to attend all parents' evenings. (Where this is not possible make alternative arrangements to discuss your child's progress with the relevant staff.)
- Try to ensure that there is a quiet place for my child to work at home.

Parents should be aware that in Oak Bank we will use Team-Teach to keep everybody safe. This may mean that fully trained staff will use authorised positive handling techniques to support young people.

Team-Teach techniques seek to avoid injury to the service user, but it is possible that bruising or scratching may occur accidentally, and these are not to be seen necessarily as failure of professional technique, but a regrettable and infrequent side effect of ensuring that students remain safe.

By signing below you are agreeing that your child can be positively handled by fully trained staff employed by Oak Bank School.

I/We support the Oak Bank Home-School Agreement:

Student: Date:

Parent: Date:

Staff: Date: