

THE OAK BANK HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

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

At the end of the agreement, there is a space for Staff, pupil 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 pupils 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 pupil so that they have the opportunity to reach their potential;
- develop pupil's 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 pupils 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 pupils;
- make education challenging, fulfilling and enjoyable and encourage pupils 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 pupils about how they can improve their work.

EXPECTATIONS OF PUPILS

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

As a Pupil 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.
- Ask for help and support

What we ask of parents:

Parents/carers 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 extracurricular 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' consultation days. (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.
- Support the school by ensuring that pupils are in school uniform (outlined below).

Our uniform

- Blue jumper with Oak Bank logo
- White polo shirt (Oak Bank logo preferable)
- Black trousers (knee length shorts in Summer term)
- **No skirts**
- Black shoes or trainers
- **No hooped earrings** – studs permitted
- Necklaces are to be tucked away
- Flat surfaced rings only

*Children with sensory issues will require a letter from their GP/Health Care Professional to exempt them from school trousers; however, in these instances we will require plain black jogging bottoms (Oak Bank logo preferable)

Pupils are required to change for PE lessons and a PE kit will be provided at the start of each lesson

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 pupils remain safe.

Every school is required to have a behaviour policy and to make this policy known to parents. Our Behaviour Policy can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.oakbank.beds.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>

Whilst schools do not require parental consent to use force on a pupil, by signing below, you are acknowledging that staff at Oak Bank are trained to support pupils with Team Teach, and that in line with The Department for Education Guidance on the Use of Reasonable Force, could use appropriate techniques to support your child.

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

Pupil:

Date:

Parent:

Date:

Staff:

Date:
