



RIDGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT Sept 2023

Ridgeway Primary School is committed to active home-school partnership. We believe this is beneficial to children's learning and essential in maintaining a thriving school community. Where home-school relationships are based on mutual trust and respect, all those involved in the education process, adults and children alike, will be mindful of both their rights and their responsibilities.

At Ridgeway Primary School everybody has the right:

- To feel safe, happy and secure in school at all times
- To be able to learn and play without threat or disruption from others
- To know that bullying is unacceptable and will be dealt with
- To be respected, listened to and treated fairly and sensitively

It is the **responsibility** of everyone at Ridgeway to ensure that these rights are upheld.

The school has a responsibility to...

- make sure that children are valued as individuals and feel secure and settled in school.
- welcome parents in to school to become involved in the education process, valuing their contribution to children's learning
- provide a safe, secure and caring learning environment
- teach a broad, balanced, carefully planned and stimulating curriculum matched to the learning needs of children, giving help where needed
- provide access to extra-curricular activities and regular home-learning opportunities (as agreed in the home-learning policy)
- provide parents with a range of information about the school, its policies and practices and provide regular opportunities for parents to meet with the school staff
- respond promptly and sensitively to any parental enquiries, concerns or complaints
- promote an ethos of responsible behaviour and high expectations in order to foster healthy learning attitudes in all children
- uphold our duty to safeguard children (see Early help and Safeguarding policy)
- ensure that all staff uphold the values and ethos of the school

Parents have a responsibility to...

- value and respect the professionalism of the school's staff, and also respect their time and working space
- model appropriate behaviour (no aggression, threatening, aggressive or abusive behaviour) with all members of our school community
- make sure children attend school regularly, and on time, avoiding holidays in term-time
- inform the school of any change in a child's home life which might affect their well-being in school
- support all school policies especially those relating to behaviour, home-learning and online-safety (as on the school website)
- inform school about any concerns you have, including those involving other children and not directly contacting another child's parents about their child's behaviour
- **'Think before you post'** We ask that social media, whether public or private, should not be used to fuel campaigns and voice complaints against the school, school staff, parents or children
- support the guidelines on school uniform and school clothing, footwear and jewellery, packed lunches and drinks. (as on the school website)
- inform the school using WeDuc by 8:30 am, if your child is unwell

Continued Parents have a responsibility to...

- attend parent consultation meetings to discuss a child’s progress towards achieving their learning targets
- respond promptly to letters from school, requesting information e.g. permission slips for school visits, invoices for music lessons, etc. in order to assist the office staff
- drive safely and park considerately (not on zigzags, yellow lines or over driveways), being mindful of the safety of all children at all times when dropping off and picking up children from school
- uphold the values and ethos of the school

Children’s responsibilities towards others:

- Behave safely
- Respect others
- Be kind with words and actions
- Listen to adults and follow instructions
- Be polite
- Be honest and fair
- Take responsibility for own actions (put it right)

Children’s responsibilities towards learning:

- Try hard with all learning
- Stay focussed on learning
- Listen to the person who is talking
- Speak with an appropriate volume (classroom voices)
- Join in with others when learning (collaborate and do your bit)
- Value everyone’s learning

Children’s responsibilities towards the school environment:

- Walk sensibly, quietly and considerately around the school
- Take care of equipment and resources
- Keep the school and grounds tidy
- Help to find ways to improve the school environment
- Wear school uniform appropriately

Children also have a responsibility to uphold the values and ethos of the school

..... (class teacher)

..... (parent)

..... (child)