

# Pegswood Primary School



## Home School Agreement Policy October 2024

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## **Home-School Agreement**

We believe this policy should be a working document that is fit for purpose, represents the school ethos, enables consistency and quality across the school and is related to the following legislation:

- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- Equality Act 2010

The following documentation is also related to this policy:

- Home-School Agreements: Guidance for Local Authorities and Governing Bodies (DfE)
- Equality Act 2010: Advice for Schools (DfE)
- Race Disparity Audit - Summary Findings from the Ethnicity Facts and Figures Website (Cabinet Office)

We believe it is our duty as stated in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to have in place a home-school agreement and parental declaration. A home-school agreement is a statement explaining the school's aims and values, the school's responsibilities towards its pupils who are of compulsory school age, the responsibility of each pupil's parents and what the school expects of its pupils.

We have high expectations for all pupils who attend this school and we believe a home-school agreement provides a sound foundation for establishing effective working partnerships between home and school.

We understand that the contents of a home-school agreement must cover the ethos of the school, attendance, punctuality, discipline, behaviour and homework.

We will endeavor to get all parents to sign it but parents will be made aware that if they refuse to sign they will still have to abide by the school rules. No sanctions will be taken against any parent if they refuse to sign.

We believe that pupils should be given the opportunity to also sign the agreement if they understand its contents and are prepared to accept what is expected of them.

We as a school community have a commitment to promote equality. Therefore, an equality impact assessment has been undertaken and we believe this policy is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

We all have a responsibility to ensure equality permeates in to all aspects of school life and that everyone is treated equally irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. We want everyone connected with this school to feel safe, secure, valued and of equal worth.

We acknowledge the findings of the Race Disparity Audit that clearly shows how people of different ethnicities are treated across the public services of health, education, employment and the criminal justice system.

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We aim to be judged at least good in all school inspections by ensuring that standards for all pupils are higher than schools of a similar size and that standards continue to improve faster than the national trend. We believe we will achieve this by having in place a home-school agreement that all parents and pupils have signed up to.

We believe it is essential that this policy clearly identifies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the procedures and arrangements that is connected with this policy.

## **Aims**

- To share good practice within the school and with other schools.
- To ensure compliance with all relevant legislation connected to this policy.
- To work with other schools and the local authority to share good practice in order to improve this policy.

## **Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure**

### **Role of the Governing Body**

The Governing Body has:

- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- delegated responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all parents and pupils are given the opportunity to sign the home-school agreement;
- responsibility for ensuring full compliance with all statutory responsibilities;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy.

### **Role of the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team**

The Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team will:

- ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- ensure all parents and pupils are given the opportunity to sign the home-school agreement;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- make effective use of relevant research and information to improve this policy;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by speaking with pupils, school personnel, parents and governors;

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## **Role of School Personnel**

School personnel will:

- comply with all aspects of this policy;
- work hard to maintain a positive ethos;
- work hard to maintain a safe and respected school environment;
- show respect for all members of the school community;
- develop positive working relationships with pupils, school personnel, parents and governors;
- plan and deliver good to outstanding lessons;
- have high expectations of their pupils;
- achieve high standards;
- celebrate the success of pupils in lessons
- promote good behaviour;
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community.

## **Role of Pupils**

Pupils will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy
- be polite and well behaved at all times;
- show consideration to others;
- talk to others without shouting and will use language which is neither abusive nor offensive;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;
- learn to take pride in their work;
- produce work of a high standard;
- participate fully in all lessons;
- participate in discussions concerning progress and attainment;
- hand in homework properly completed and on time;
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- obey all health and safety regulations in all areas of the school;
- co-sign and abide by the Home School Agreement;
- wear correct uniform
- liaise with the school council make suggestions about improving school behaviour;
- take part in questionnaires and surveys.

## **Role of Parents/Carers**

Parents/carers will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy;
- be encouraged to take an active role in the life of the school by attending:
  - parents evenings

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- parent-teacher consultations
- fundraising and social events
  
- be encouraged to work in school as volunteers;
- be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school;
- ensure regular and punctual attendance;
- notify school on the first day of pupil absence;
- encourage effort and achievement;
- encourage completion of homework and return it to school;
- provide the right conditions for homework to take place;
- expect their child to hand in homework on time;
- join the school in celebrating success of their child's learning;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school;
- ensure correct school uniform is worn.

### **Raising Awareness of this Policy**

We will raise awareness of this policy via:

- the school website
- meetings with parents such as introductory, transition or parent-teacher consultations
- meetings with school personnel

### **Training**

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training on induction which specifically covers:
  - All aspects of this policy
- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information
- receive equal opportunities training on induction in order to improve their understanding of the Equality Act 2010 and its implications

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school. (See Initial Equality Impact Assessment)

### **Monitoring the Implementation and Effectiveness of the Policy**

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the coordinator, the Headteacher and the nominated governor.

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A statement of the policy's effectiveness and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be presented to the Governing Body for further discussion and endorsement.

### **Linked Policies**

- Admissions
- Attendance
- Pupil Behaviour and Discipline

| <b>Version</b> | <b>Reason for Amendments/Update/Review</b>    | <b>Date of Adoption<br/>by<br/>Pegswood primary<br/>school</b> | <b>Date of next<br/>review</b> |
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| 1.0            | New policy and procedure provided by educoHR. |  |                                |
| 2.0            | Amended to reflect Pegswood Primary School .  | Sept 2015  | Sept 2018                      |
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