

# **Home School Policy**

## **Standard of Education**

The staff and Governors of St Paul's School aim to provide a high standard of teaching, which will provide our pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum and enable each child to reach his/her full potential.

## **Ethos of the School**

St Paul's is a small, friendly, Christian school where the children are encouraged to care for one another in a supportive environment. The school has an important place in the local community.

## **Attendance**

Our attendance rates are excellent, reflecting our childrens' eagerness to come! To maintain this, parents must ensure their child arrives at school punctually every day (and for the whole school day) during term time, unless there is a good reason for absence. The whistle goes at 8.50am

Parents must notify the school before 9 am on the first day of any absence. The school will do all they can to alert parents if the child is absent and there has been no previous contact. If contact can't be made school will contact the police.

If a child is absent for more than one day, then a note of explanation should be sent into school when they return. This note is kept in the register.

The DfE states that parents do not have the right to take children on holiday in term time. An absence form, explaining the reasons for a request, must be completed for each absence and why it is an exceptional circumstance.

## Discipline and behaviour

Our children are expected to behave themselves in a polite and caring manner, showing respect for others and their property. Our standards of behaviour are high and this is because of the partnership between school and parents. Pride in our school is encouraged and parental support for this is invaluable. The Staff are sensitive to the needs of our children and pastoral care is automatically a very important part of school life.

## Homework

Our homework policy emphasises the importance of parental involvement and the staff appreciate the time parents spend both helping with and ensuring tasks are completed. Teachers are more than happy to advise parents if they are unclear about any aspect of their child's work.

Each class has different requirements and children are made aware of when and how tasks should be completed and returned. Parents will be informed about homework days at the first meeting early in the Autumn term and it is then parents' responsibility to ensure these tasks are completed and returned to school on time.

## Safety

As a school we make every effort to ensure our children's safety. Parents should support this by leaving and collecting their children at the right gate and using the school crossing patrol at all times.

Children are not allowed to come to school on a bicycle, unaccompanied, until they have passed their Cycling Proficiency test in year 6.

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**St Paul's C of E Junior School**  
**Home School Agreement**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents: I/We shall endeavour to:**

- Get to know about my child's life at the school
- Ensure my child goes to school regularly and punctually
- Observe traffic markings outside school and ensure my child uses the correct entrance
- Make sure my child is dressed in named school uniform and is properly equipped for lessons
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour
- Support my child at home with their learning, e.g. ensuring reading record is signed and homework tasks completed on time.
- Attend Parents' Evenings and discussions about my child's progress
- Raise any complaints about the school in the appropriate matter.

**The School will:**

- Inform parents about school activities through our weekly newsletter
- Contact parents if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality or equipment
- Let parents know about any concerns or problems that affect their child's work or behaviour and where necessary ensure that the school behaviour policy is applied fairly and consistently.
- Set, mark and monitor homework
- Arrange Parents' Evenings/Afternoons in order to discuss progress
- Send home an annual report

**I, the pupil will:**

Always try my best, taking pride in my work and my school

Respect all of the members of my school community and not prevent others from enjoying school

Take responsibility for my own learning and equipment

Meet homework deadlines

Signed:                      Child \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    Headteacher \_\_\_\_\_