



Bowker Vale Primary School

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Dear Families,

As we begin another school year, I am writing to inform you of expectations and request permission for various events for the year ahead.

1. You will know we have very high expectations for all pupils, staff and families at Bowker Vale. To this end we have a 'Home – School Agreement' (overleaf) which I ask you read, discuss with your child and sign together. This agreement lays out clearly what we all need to do in order to help your child become the best they can possibly be. Please also read, sign and return the READING contract.
2. There are many times throughout the year when we celebrate learning outside the Bowker Vale school grounds. Sometimes classes will visit museums, art galleries, places of worship, local parks and forests. We will always inform you when the visit will take place but, in an effort to reduce administration, will ask you to sign for permission just once at the start of the year, by returning the reply slip.
3. There are also many times in our school day when we wish to celebrate the achievements of our pupils. One way in which we do this, is to take photographs to be used in general displays around the school, in our school prospectus, newsletters, the website and Bowker Vale's Twitter account. Often the photo is of a group and children are never named on social media. Only if you are **not** happy for your child's photograph to be used for any of the examples given above, please send your request on the reply slip. Please note Families may photograph or video school events. They are reminded that these images are for personal use and they must not post pictures of other people's children on personal social networking sites.
4. Ultimately, it is your decision when you allow your child to travel to and from school alone. However, following advice from NSPCC, we would request that children up to and including Year 4 be collected and brought to school by an adult (or young person over the age of 16). If children in Year 5 and 6 have your permission to leave school alone, please inform us on the reply slip.

Please keep this letter and return the reply slip as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance,

Mrs Jacques
Headteacher

Do we have your correct contact details? If your mobile number has changed recently, did you inform us? Please call into the school office as soon as possible if you do not receive the regular text messages we send.





HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Aiming High; Being Respectful, Honest, Fair and Proud

	<u>PARENTS/CARERS</u> We will do our best to.....	<u>CHILD</u> I will do my best to.....	<u>SCHOOL</u> We will do our best to.....
READINESS FOR SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> Send children to school smartly dressed and in full uniform <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage children to take pride in their appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure that the correct equipment is brought to school	<input type="checkbox"/> Wear my school uniform smartly <input type="checkbox"/> Bring the right equipment to school	<input type="checkbox"/> Insist that school uniform is worn appropriately at all times <input type="checkbox"/> Inform children what is required for their lessons
ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> Make sure that children attend regularly and arrive on time <input type="checkbox"/> Inform the school promptly of reasons for absence	<input type="checkbox"/> Arrive at school on time each day <input type="checkbox"/> Never leave the school without permission	<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage good attendance and punctuality and report on absence and punctuality appropriately
CLASS AND HOMEWORK	<input type="checkbox"/> Take an interest in our child's work <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage our child to do their best <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure that homework is completed and on time	<input type="checkbox"/> Listen to my teacher and other adults <input type="checkbox"/> Do my class work and home work the best that I can	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide high quality learning opportunities and a broad and challenging curriculum for all pupils <input type="checkbox"/> Recognise and reward effort and achievement <input type="checkbox"/> Set and mark regular homework
BEHAVIOUR	<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage our child to behave well at all times and to follow THE SCHOOL RULES <input type="checkbox"/> Support the school's behaviour policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Follow the SCHOOL RULES	<input type="checkbox"/> Make sure children are aware of THE SCHOOL RULES <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage and reward good behaviour
CARING AND SUPPORTING	<input type="checkbox"/> Let the school know if there are any circumstances likely to affect our child's learning or we have any concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> Let an adult know if I have any worries	<input type="checkbox"/> Listen and respond appropriately to any concerns
SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Parents' Evenings <input type="checkbox"/> Read letters from school and respond if necessary, including prompt payments where necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Work in partnership with the school and support the staff for the benefit of our children	<input type="checkbox"/> Take letters home and make sure parents see them	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold regular parent meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Report on the children's progress and inform parents on ways in which they can help their children <input type="checkbox"/> Inform parents of concerns when necessary
EQUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy the diverse and multicultural school which our child attends	<input type="checkbox"/> Make friends without excluding others. <input type="checkbox"/> Be kind to everyone and report any racism or bullying or other unkind acts or language	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that low expectations, prejudice, intolerance and racism have no place in our school

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