
SOUTH CAVE CE SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL LIAISON POLICY

AIMS

The aim of our School is to promote and continue to develop an effective working relationship between the pupils, parents and school community, based on mutual understanding, trust and respect, in order to enhance and maximise upon educational opportunities for all.

OBJECTIVES

- To establish and foster a welcoming and supportive environment within the school.
- To develop and maintain effective two way communication between home and school.
- To enable and support parents to become actively involved in the life of the school.
- To strengthen links between the school and its local community.
- To identify and meet parental needs, in order that they may develop greater confidence in their role as co-educators.
- To identify and meet the needs of all staff (teaching and non-teaching), in order that they may develop understanding and confidence in working with parents.
- To establish and develop effective working relationships with other statutory and voluntary support services involved with the welfare of families.
- To promote the concept of education as a lifelong process, through the facilitation of academic, social and recreational opportunities for parents.
- To ensure that the Home/School Agreement is agreed by both the Headteacher and Parents. (see Appendices)
- To provide a structured policy of Homework in each group to support learning. (see Appendices).

The school evaluates the Policy by ensuring that there is:

- o A noticeable parental presence around the school.
- o A heightened interest from parents and the community in the work of the school.
- o Parents work alongside pupils/students in school.
- o Parents support children with home reading and home/school tasks.
- o Pupils achieve more.
- o Standards of behaviour continue to be high.
- o Good attendance.
- o Increased parental confidence in discussions with the school.
- o Local speakers from the community into school.
- o Curricular projects focused on and around community issues.
- o Provision of a variety of educational, social and recreational activities for parents, through school, PTA and Adult Education initiatives.
- o Staff initiating work and contact with parents.
- o Training opportunities for the staff around issues relating to working with parents and the community.
- o Suitable forums established for effective two-way communication between home and school, including parent interviews, open nights, access to the Learning Platform and social crafts.
- o Inter-agency forums and meetings established around working with families.
- o Home visits by staff for first admissions prior to entry to the school.
- o Visits and regular contact with the two playgroups in South Cave.

APPENDIX I

Home/School Agreement

SOUTH CAVE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL HOME - SCHOOL AGREEMENT

We believe that children learn most effectively in a secure, happy environment, where both home and school work together to support the child. To strengthen the partnership which already exists we are now offering a partnership agreement to the parents of all our pupils.

To secure these effective home-school links

We will:

- ◆ Implement a clear and agreed policy, between the school and parents, stating the aims of the school's partnership with parents;
- ◆ share responsibility and work jointly with parents to educate their children;
- ◆ help your child to reach his or her full potential;
- ◆ provide equality of opportunity to each pupil;
- ◆ provide a broad, balanced curriculum in accordance with National guidance;
- ◆ provide a caring environment which supports a high level of achievement.
- ◆ regularly consult parents, listen to your views and respond to them;
- ◆ provide a range of friendly, supportive information with regular communication through school newsletters, email, text messages and the Learning Platform.
- ◆ encourage parents to be involved in the life and work of the school in a variety of ways;
- ◆ provide a Code of Conduct with clear expectations of pupils' behaviour;
- ◆ provide a clear homework policy;
- ◆ assist parents to achieve high levels of pupil attendance;
- ◆ offer a uniform for all pupils;
- ◆ offer a wide range of extra curricular activities, particularly at Key Stage 2.
- ◆ encourage an active and supportive Parent Teacher Association.

We ask you to:

- ◆ encourage your children with their work;
- ◆ spend time talking about and looking at work with your child;
- ◆ attend parent consultation appointments with your child's class teacher;
- ◆ encourage your child to behave well and to support the school's Code of Conduct, including good behaviour at lunchtimes;
- ◆ support the Governors' policy on school uniform
- ◆ ensure that your child has maximum attendance and is punctual for the start of each school session;
- ◆ inform the school when you know your child will be absent e.g. medical visits, illness;
- ◆ provide a letter the day after absence;
- ◆ take family holidays during school holidays;
- ◆ support the administrative work of the school, e.g. dinner monies handed in on time;
- ◆ be aware of your child's homework and give support to ensure that homework is completed and handed in on time;
- ◆ encourage your child's participation in out of school activities;
- ◆ keep the school informed of any changes to home circumstances which may affect your child.

I understand and accept the Home-School Agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

of _____ (child's name)

Signature on behalf of school _____

J NEWBY
(Headteacher)

APPENDIX II

Home Study (samples)