

Home School Agreement

Larkfield's mission is to ensure that all our children enjoy successful learning in a safe and happy environment.

We encourage mutual respect, support and collaboration between all adults and children, both within the school and the wider community.

We believe that it is important to provide a secure, caring, purposeful and stimulating environment for all our children, thereby promoting a sense of pride in our school.

This can be done most effectively when all staff, parents and children understand their responsibilities and work together towards the same goals.

Working in Partnership for Success

The school will:

- Maintain a high standard of education, keeping in line with national government requirements, within a balanced curriculum.
- Care for each child's safety and well-being.
- Endeavour to meet the needs of children, whatever their requirements, to achieve their full potential.
- Ensure that each classroom is a positive and stimulating learning environment.
- Set appropriate homework to extend the curriculum work in school.
- Teach children to develop a positive attitude towards everyone regardless of difference in gender, race, culture, belief, values, age, and need.
- Help children to understand their role in the community.
- Communicate effectively and sensitively with parents via:
- ✓ Regular meetings to discuss the progress of children, indicating strengths and areas for development through individual targets.
- ✓ Providing prompt information about behaviour or class work that may be a cause for concern or celebration.
- ✓ Providing clear information about homework tasks.

- ✓ Providing short training sessions on supporting children at home in specific curriculum areas.
- ✓ Providing opportunities for parents to become involved in school life.
- ✓ Providing information to parents about school activities through regular newsletters, website updates, open days, meetings and the annual report.

The parents/carers will:

- Make sure that each child arrives at school on time on each occasion school is open.
- Make sure children wear suitable clothing in line with the school's code of dress and that the PE/games kit is brought to school each week.
- Support their children with homework tasks and ensure homework is returned within the set time.
- Attend consultations with the class teacher.
- Support and work with the school in any behaviour management programmes.
- Work in partnership with the school to develop positive attitudes towards those from different cultures and races and with different feelings, values and beliefs.
- Let the school know of any concerns that may affect their children's work or behaviour at school or ability to do homework.
- Read and act upon any information sent home promptly.
- Endeavour to provide a safe, secure and happy environment at home.
- Encourage other opportunities for home learning.
- Support the school and PTA in fundraising and other activities.
- Foster a positive attitude towards education and the school and use discretion when discussing issues or grievances in front of children, as these may have a negative effect on their outlook.
- Ensure any changes to address or emergency contact details are notified to school immediately

The child will:

• Understand that they have the following rights and responsibilities within the school.

Children have the *right*:

- ✓ To receive a high quality education appropriate to their needs
- ✓ To be treated fairly; To be listened to;
- ✓ To be helped; Not to be bullied; Not to be lonely;
- ✓ To play and join in games; To be happy;
- ✓ To feel wanted; To be safe; To be special.

Children have the *responsibility*:

- √ To work hard and do their best in everything they do;
- √ To complete work in school and at home;
- √ To ask for help if they don't understand or are worried;
- √ To understand that the way they behave can affect others;
- √ To behave well and follow school and class rules;
- √ To act in a safe way
- ✓ To be fair and include others;
- √ To tell an adult if they or someone they know, are being bullied or hurt
- √ To respect others' culture, race, feelings, beliefs and values.
- √ To take good care of school equipment and environment
- Ensure that they take home all school letters.

Together we will value, listen to and support each another as partners in our aim to provide the best education for everyone at Larkfield.