

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

I am very pleased indeed to welcome you and your child as members of our school community. I hope that we shall work closely together so that your child will have a happy and successful time at South Otterington Church of England School. Your child's education will be greatly enhanced if we are able to develop a partnership which is for your child's benefit.

In time your child will also become more actively involved in this partnership. An effective link between home and school will ensure that your child develops intellectually, socially and emotionally and is able to take full advantage of everything our school has to offer.

The child's and parent's entitlement

The Governors, Headteacher and all the staff associated with South Otterington Church of England School will ensure that a framework exists within which everyone can play their part to contribute to the success of each child. We will ensure that the school's organisation and structure will contribute to the success of each individual by: -

- offering an effective means of communication for exchanging information, queries and views on all school matters;
- providing programmes of study suitable for your child's age and ability and aptitude in line with the National Curriculum requirements;
- advising and giving guidance about your child's programme of work;
- monitoring your child's progress and achievement and explaining and discussing the results with you;
- arranging regular meetings to discuss your child's progress;
- alerting you to any difficulties as they appear;
- establishing a code of behaviour to ensure a safe and caring environment.

The school's entitlement

As parents, you too will play an important part in your child's education, by supporting your child throughout the time at South Otterington Church of England School. You will know how best to achieve this because you are closer to your child and understand them more than we ever will in school.

However, our experience suggests that there are ways in which you can demonstrate your interest in a valuable and supportive way by showing:

- a sympathetic understanding of the needs and concerns of your child while a pupil at school;
- an interest in your child's work and wherever possible taking an active part in supporting this study;
- a willingness to take part in a two-way communication with school in order to keep up to date with your child's progress;
- a willingness to share any concerns about your child's health, education and behaviour;
- support for the school's code of behaviour;
- an interest in the wider community activities of the school;
- a willingness to inform the school about any absence and provide a note of explanation.

It is important that we should both recognise and agree to play a part in this partnership and I hope that you will be prepared to sign the attached agreement to show that you understand and support the sentiments of this letter.

Child's Name: _____

1. The Parents/Carers

I/We shall try to:

- see that my child goes to School regularly, on time and properly equipped;
- let the School know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour;
- support the School's policies and guidelines for behaviour;
- support my child in homework and other opportunities for home learning;
- attend Parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress;
- get to know about my child's life at the school;
- inform the school if my child is absent.

Signature(s)

2. The School will

- care for your child's safety and happiness;
- contact you if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality or equipment;
- provide a balanced curriculum and meet the individual needs of your child;
- let you know about any concerns or problems that affect your child's work or behaviour;
- arrange evenings during which your child's progress will be discussed, and send home an annual report;
- keep you informed about School activities through regular newsletters and notices about special events.

Signature (Headteacher)