



Home School Agreement Primary Years 2021 - 2022

The nature of Primary education is one of partnership and it is essential that students, parents and Bede Academy together make a full commitment to seek success in this very important part of a student's life. This Home School Agreement is drawn up for all three parties (parents, students and the Academy) to read, agree to and sign as a solemn commitment. Parents are asked to help their children, especially the younger ones, to understand this agreement and its contents.

This agreement is not to be taken lightly by any of the three parties since failure in upholding the agreement will lessen the likelihood of a student's successful schooling and education. Ultimately, we recognise that failure in upholding this agreement by any one of the parties, despite the best effort of the others, may ultimately lead either to a parent withdrawing their child from the Academy, or to a student being excluded – neither of which we hope will occur.

Once you have read the agreement below and have discussed it with your child, please would you and your child sign and return the sign off sheet to demonstrate that you have read, understood and agreed to follow the Home School Agreement as detailed below.

Bede Academy Agreement

Bede Academy recognises its obligation to provide a safe and positive environment in which students may grow academically, socially, culturally and spiritually. Accordingly the Academy agrees to:

- provide teaching and directed study throughout the Academy year;
- provide school reading books and mark any given homework;
- provide opportunities for extra-curricular involvement in sporting and cultural activities;
- provide thorough assessments and parental reports on academic progress throughout the time students spend at Bede Academy.

Student Agreement

All students agree to:

- set an example to all other Academy students by upholding the Academy's values in speech and action, and to act as positive role models to younger students;
- if appropriate, be willing to volunteer for and accept positions of age appropriate leadership as offered by the Academy and to fulfil these roles to the best of their ability, for example playtime buddies, school action group, house captains;
- uphold the Academy's rules for conduct, behaviour and dress as outlined in this agreement, the Student Behaviour Contract, the Primary Years Parent's Information Handbook and the Uniform Code;
- attend punctually on every day of the Academy year. **Note that holidays are not permitted during term time;**
- take part in all timetabled activities;
- spend up to 4 hours (dependent upon the student's age) per week on Academy work at home and completing homework;
- attend, if required by the Principal and agreed by parents, 'whole Academy' events, such as the Carol Service, Presentation events, Sports Day, Open Days, etc. as shown on the Academy calendar;
- if selected for an Academy sports team, and agreed by parents, take part in pre-arranged sporting fixtures;

Computer Hardware and Software Declaration

The internet and ICT facilities are available to be used by students at Bede Academy to increase the information available and to develop new skills. However, the openness of the Internet means that students themselves need to operate self-discipline in addition to the monitoring and protection that the Academy will provide. As a condition of access to ICT facilities, students agree to:

- only use ICT in school for Academy purposes;
- only use my class email address or my own Academy email address when emailing;
- only open email attachments from people I know, or who my teacher has approved;
- not tell other people my ICT passwords;
- only open/delete my own files;
- make sure that all ICT contact with other children and adults is responsible, polite and sensible;
- not deliberately look for, save or send anything that could be unpleasant, rude or nasty. If I accidentally find anything like this I will tell my teacher immediately;
- not give out my name, phone number or home address on the Internet. I will not arrange to meet someone outside of school and know that this would be dangerous for me;
- be responsible for my behaviour when using ICT because I know that these rules are to keep me safe;
- know that my use of ICT can be checked and that my parent may be contacted if a member of the Academy staff is concerned about my eSafety or behaviour.

Parent's Agreement

Parental support is vital in a child's education. This Home School Agreement recognises that the Academy is committed to keeping parents informed of every aspect of their child's progress. In return parents agree to:

- support their child in all aspects of their Academy life and in their commitment to meeting all of the points outlined in this Agreement, particularly with regard to uniform, attendance, punctuality and the meeting of deadlines;
- attend Parents' Evenings or other consultations relating to their child;
- read and sign at least every week their child's Bede Diary, both to maintain home-school communications and also to confirm that their child has been well organised and has worked diligently on all homework tasks set;
- telephone the Academy to inform them of their child's sickness absence on the day that it first arises and send a signed letter explaining the absence on the first day of their return;
- support their child to undertake up to 4 hours of homework per week, **ensuring that it is completed in full and returned to the teacher by the due date.**
- not post pictures of pupils, other than their own children, on social networking sites.
- only make complaints through official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites.
- not post malicious or fictitious comments on social networking sites about any member of the school community.