



# Home-School Agreement

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# HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

East Barnet School, Chestnut Grove, East Barnet, Herts EN4 8PU

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## A. Statement of Principle

This home-school agreement is a statement explaining:

1. The school's aims and values
2. The school's responsibilities towards its students who are of compulsory school age
3. The responsibility of each student's parents
4. What the school expects of its students.

## B. Purpose of the Home-School Agreement

1. Home-school agreements can raise standards and contribute to school effectiveness by providing a framework for partnerships between parents, pupils and teachers.
2. The processes involved in introducing and reviewing the agreement will clarify what the school is trying to achieve. The agreement will set out the role of the school, parents and pupils.
3. The partnership promoted by an agreement should result in:
  - a. Better home-school communication (for example, on issues such as pupil progress, information on what pupils will be taught, homework, and domestic concerns that may affect the pupils' ability to learn effectively)
  - b. Parents and teachers working together on issues of concern (for example, aspirations, expectations, behaviour, bullying and drug education)
  - c. Parents supporting and helping their children's learning at home more effectively
  - d. The identification of issues that need to be addressed through the School Development Plans

## C. Actions

1. The governing body must have regard to the Secretary of State's guidance in carrying out their responsibilities relating to home-school agreements, entitled 'Home-School Agreements: Guidance for Schools'.

2. All reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that all registered parents and guardians of pupils of compulsory school age sign the parental declaration when each of their children joins the school, to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the agreement.  
However, the governing body is not required to seek the signature of a parent where they consider that there are special circumstances relating to the parent or pupil in question that would make it inappropriate to do so.
3. Parents should also explain the agreement to their children and ask them to sign the form.
4. This policy together with the Agreement (see Appendix I) is to be reviewed every three years in partnership with all stakeholders.

## The Agreement

East Barnet School aspires to:

Encourage the '*want to learn*' and 'Do the right thing' culture amongst all its students, so that they may fulfil their individual potential and become lifelong learners that excel academically and develop their character to support them to become responsible adults who make a positive contribution to society.

## AIMS

1. To generate an enthusiasm for learning amongst the students, so that they willingly seek to gain knowledge and understanding about the world around them.
2. To provide students with the guidance, information, and resources necessary to help them learn.
3. To teach students the skills necessary to effective and efficient learning.
4. To provide students with a positive learning environment.
5. To develop a sense of pride amongst the students, so that they always aim to achieve the highest possible standards of work in all subjects.
6. To foster personal qualities, skills, and self-confidence necessary for success in their chosen career and personal life.
7. To develop amongst all students a sense of respect for themselves, other individuals, their own and other communities, and their environment.
8. To develop and reward our characteristics of kindness, integrity and respect, growth mindset, motivation, and hard work.

EBS (East Barnet School) believes that these aims are more likely to be achieved if there is a partnership between the school, the students and the parents/guardians based on mutual trust, respect and understanding.

As a beginning, the school is asking you to commit to this agreement, so that all concerned may be clear about our mutual aims and expectations now and in the future.

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## **EAST BARNET SCHOOL**

We undertake to:

1. provide, as far as possible, a secure and welcoming environment;
2. care for each student's safety and happiness;
3. deliver a broad and balanced education which aims to meet the individual needs of each student;
4. ensure that home learning is set and monitored;
5. report regularly to parents/guardians to provide opportunities to discuss students' progress;
6. to support parents/guardians through the period of their child's transition from primary to secondary school;
7. contact parents/guardians if there are any concerns about attendance, punctuality, behaviour, or progress;
8. respond sensitively, promptly, and appropriately to any concern or complaint raised by a parent/guardian or student;
9. provide information and guidance about careers and higher education.

## **THE PARENT(S) / CARER (S)**

I/We undertake to:

1. support the aims and promote the ethos of the school;
2. ensure that my/our child attends school punctually and with minimum absence;
3. ensure that my/our child is properly dressed in correct school uniform;
4. ensure that my/our child completes all home learning set to the best of their ability and in reasonable working conditions;
5. attend Consultation Evenings and meetings about my/our child's progress;
6. not take my/our child out of school during term time without the explicit permission of the Headteacher;
7. advise the school of any concerns of problems which might affect my/our child's progress;
8. work constructively and cooperatively with the school to resolve any concerns about attendance, punctuality, behaviour, or work;

9. reimburse the school for any wilful damage caused to the fabric of the building and school property by my/our child;
10. Ensure that my/our child's Parent pay account is not in deficit;
11. Read EBS news and other communication sent from the school;
12. Set up the My Child at School (MCAS) App.

## THE STUDENT

I undertake to:

1. attend school punctually and with minimum absence;
2. bring necessary books and equipment stated in the student planner) to all lessons;
3. complete classwork and home learning as well as I can;
4. ask teachers for help when I have problems with my work;
5. behave responsibly, and follow DFL (Disruption Free Learning) at all times;
6. observe the school rules;
7. wear my school uniform and be tidy in appearance;
8. be polite and respectful to others;
9. conduct myself at all times in such a way as to enhance the school's reputation within the community.
10. Follow the school's AUP (Acceptable Use Policy).\*

Signed by:

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Carer \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*The AUP will be shared with this agreement.**