

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

# St Mark's CE Primary School Home School Agreement

At St Mark's CE Primary School parents, carers, children and staff work together as partners. We aim to create a stimulating, challenging and fun learning environment where children are able to achieve to the best of their abilities in all areas and be responsible members of the school community.

## We believe that success comes from:

- understanding your child's needs and interests and creating challenging and fun lessons to meet them
- expecting the very best from your child and giving them the support and encouragement to achieve well
- understanding that a child needs to develop their whole character from sparking their imagination to encouraging an inquiring mind
- children developing understanding, respect and tolerance of the backgrounds and beliefs of all members of the school community
- valuing the important role that parents play in raising children and helping with their learning

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**As a parent/carer it is your responsibility to:**

- bring your child to school on time and collect him/her punctually at the end of the school day
- show an interest in your child's work and be positive about it
- support your child's learning by working with him/her at home
- involve yourself as much as possible with the life of the school and keep up-to-date with events, including attending meetings and supporting events
- let the school know if anything happens at home that might affect your child's behaviour or school work
- not take holidays in school time (see Attendance & Punctuality Policy, page 3)
- make sure your child has any equipment he/she needs for school
- inform the school of any absence
- give pre-authorized consent to your child participating in local visits such as to local parks, St Mark's Church, etc
- encourage your child to lead a healthy lifestyle
- support all school policies (main policies are available outside of the school office)

Signed Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

## **Safeguarding Principles**

Safeguarding is the protection of children from abuse and neglect that may negatively affect their health and development and ensuring that they experience safe and effective care.

St Mark's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. An important part of this is working with parents positively, openly and honestly.

Parents are encouraged to talk to the class teacher or head teacher if they have concerns which they want to share with school about home or school.

We ensure that all parents are treated with respect, dignity and courtesy. We respect parents' rights to privacy and confidentiality and will not share sensitive information unless we have permission or it is necessary to do so in order to protect a child.

St Mark's School will share with parents any concerns we may have about their child unless to do so may place a child at risk of harm.


We will always take a considered and sensitive approach in order that we can support all of our pupils.

Some of our key policies that deal with Safeguarding include the areas below. These policies are available on the school website or directly from the school office.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Child Protection  
Anti-Bullying  
E-Safety  
Attendance  
Behaviour  
Complaints  
Health and Safety  
Curriculum

However we need all parents/carers to sign our E-Safety and Use of digital images agreement forms overleaf

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As the parent, carer or legal guardian of the above child, I give permission for my child to have access to use the Internet, London Grid for Learning (LGfL) email\* and other ICT facilities at school.

I know that my child has signed an e-safety agreement form and that they have a copy of **the 'rules for responsible ICT use'**.

I accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school will take every reasonable precaution to keep my child safe and to prevent children from accessing inappropriate materials. These steps include using an educationally filtered service, restricted access email\*, employing appropriate teaching practices and teaching E-Safety skills to children in line with the school's scheme of work.

I understand that the school can check my child's computer files, and the Internet sites visited, and that if they have concerns about their E-Safety or E-Behaviour, that they will contact me.

I will support the school by promoting safe use of the Internet and digital technology at home and will inform the school if I have any concerns over my child's E-Safety.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

\*At our school we only use London Grid for Learning with children. The email is safe as children can only email others in their class. We do not set up individual email accounts. If we choose to let children communicate with others outside of the school, we only do so under supervision and with those approved by the school.



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## Use of digital images – photography, video, mobile telephones and social media

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your permission before we can photograph or make recordings of your child.

We adhere to the following rules for any external use of digital images:

- **If your child is named, we avoid using his/her photograph.**
- **If your child's photograph is used, we avoid naming him/her.**

Where showcasing examples of children's work, we only use their first names, rather than their full names. If showcasing digital video work to an external audience or images of children (e.g. on school website), we ensure that children are not referred to by name. Also,

- only images of children in suitable dress are used
- should school staff take photographs or videos these images/videos are only ever downloaded and used in school. Should they be used for any other purpose (e.g. presentations), permission is always sought from parents beforehand
- our school will allow parents and carers to take photographs and video images of their children during school events, including shows and assemblies and will seek permission from the parents of other children and/or the school should they want to include other children in images and videos with their children. It is understood that such images will not be shared with others, including uploading images and videos to social networking sites. If this is abused, the school will reserve the right to review and change this policy
- use of mobile telephones on the school site is strictly prohibited

I have read and understood this document. I understand that images will only be used to support learning activities or in publicity that reasonably promotes the work of the school and for no other purpose.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_