



Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path
Psalm 119 Vs 105

St Mark's Church of England Early Years & Primary School

Home School Agreement

Name of Child _____ Class _____

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
- Parents treating all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech and behaviour



As a parent/carer it is your responsibility to:

- support all school policies (main policies are available at the school office) and work in partnership with the school to support your child emotionally and academically
- bring your child to school on time and collect him/her punctually at the end of the school day
- Positively engage with your child's learning at school
- support the Christian Ethos of the school
- support your child's learning by constructively engaging and 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 whole school/ class events
- Proactively inform the school should anything happen at home that might affect your child's behaviour or school work
- avoid take holidays in school time
- ensuring 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 through exercise, diet and by promoting positive mental health

Signed by Parent/Carer _____

Local trips and short visits

From time to time trips and visits will arise at short notice. This may be due to an opportunity becoming available at the last minute, a cancellation or staff sickness. In this circumstance it may not be possible to seek parental permission. These trips will be local and less than 0.5 miles from the school.

I give permission for my child to go on local visits (i.e. shops, park, church etc.).

Signed by Parent/Carer _____

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.

All parents/carers must sign our E-Safety and Use of digital images agreement forms overleaf.

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 the school can check my child's computer files, and the internet sites visited, and if they have concerns about their E-Safety or E-Behaviour, the school 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.

*At our school we only use London Grid for Learning with children. The email is safe as children can only interact with 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.

Signed by Parent/Carer _____

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

We sometimes take photographs and videos of pupils. We use these on the school's website, on 2 Build a Profile (in EYFS only), on parerwork, school publications, on display boards around the school, in promotional material and in books/folders to supprt our assessments of teaching and learning.

We would like your consent to take photos of your child, and use them in the ways described above. If you are not happy for us to do this, that's no prblem – we will accommodate your preferences.

Please tick the relevant box(es) below and return this form to school.

	YES	NO
I am happy for the school to take photographs and videos of my child.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for photos of my child to be used in the newsletter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for photos and videos of my child to be used in 'Evidence Me' (EYFS only). I understand that my child's image may be visible to other EYFS parents as part of a group shot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for photos and videos of my child to be used in assemblies and school productions .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for photos of my child to be used on the school's website. Please note, we never publish a child's name alongside their photo online.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for my child's photos to be used in school books/ folders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for photos of my child to be used in internal displays.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for photos of my child to be used by local media to publicise school events or activities and I know that my child's name will not be published alongside their photo.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am happy for the school to send me text messages on behalf of Friends of St Mark's regarding school events i.e. Summer Fair, Christmas Fair etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that images of my child remain on the webiste after they leave the school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you change your mind at any time, you can let us know by writing to the headteacher.

If you have any other questions, please get in touch.

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.

Declaration

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: ___/___/___