



Redesdale Primary School

Home School Agreement 2018 – 2019

Our School Mission Statement

'Growing & Learning Together'

At Redesdale Primary School we continually strive to create an environment which is inspiring, challenging and vibrant; enabling our children to reach their full potential as well as gaining valuable life skills to succeed in society.

We are PROUD to be at Redesdale Primary School

Polite	We listen and we are polite to the person who is talking.
Respect	We treat others with respect and we look after our School and keep it safe for all.
Kind to Others	We are friendly, kind and gentle to others. We are honest and tell the truth.
Understanding	We understand that we are all different and that is what makes us special. We care for each other.
Do our best	We try our best and have a go.



Redesdale Primary Home School Agreement

Parents and Carers

We acknowledge that both individually and collectively, we as parents and carers are the primary educators of our children and have an irreplaceable role to play in supporting our children's learning at school. We therefore agree to ensure that:

- Our children will attend school regularly, punctually and properly equipped.
- We will promptly inform the school on the first day of any absence.
- We will avoid removing our children from school for holidays and other periods of unauthorised absence, unless there are exceptional circumstances, which have been properly communicated to school prior to any period of absence.
- Our children will be dressed in appropriate school uniform according to the school rules.
- We will make the school aware of any problems or concerns that could affect our children's work or behaviour at school.
- We will support and uphold the school's policies and guidelines.
- We will provide our children opportunities for home learning and commit to supporting home learning objectives set by the school.
- We will endeavour to attend parents' evenings and any other meetings or discussions surrounding our children's progress.

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We acknowledge our responsibility to support parents and carers in their task of nurturing their children within our school community. The school will ensure that:

- We respect and value each child as an individual within the school community.
- We care for your children's safety, welfare and happiness and foster good behaviour.
- Your children achieve their full potential as valued members of the school community.
- We provide a balanced curriculum and meet the individual needs of your children.
- We set and monitor home learning suitable for your children's needs.
- We will inform you of any concerns regarding your children's behaviour involving, work, health, attendance or punctuality.
- We achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- We will keep you informed about your children's progress and other general matters affecting school.
- We will be approachable, open and welcoming at all times, and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the school.

Children Will.....

- Be honest, kind and considerate.
- Take care not to hurt anyone by what they say or do.
- Respect school equipment and care for theirs and other children's belongings.
- Work their hardest and try their best.
- Work as a team, respecting the difference of others.
- Show good manners to adults, children and visitors to the school.
- Always show excellent behaviour for learning.

Together We Will.....

- Work to build every child's confidence and self-esteem.
- Celebrate the achievement of every child.
- Take pride in our school.
- Listen to each other's concerns and act on them.
- Help children develop behaviours that will allow them to show their true potential in all areas of their learning journey.

In addition, we request that all Parent's and Carers agree to follow the school's guidance on the appropriate use of **ALL 'Social Media'** platforms:

*The internet has become a powerful tool with which to connect and share ideas and opinions. In recent years, social media platforms and networking sites such as **Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, Google+, WhatsApp, Pinterest, Snapchat and LinkedIn** to name but a few have grown in popularity, and many people now use them routinely to communicate with family friends and others. It is obviously important to act as positive role models in a digital world, and indeed the vast majority of people who use social networking do show respect in their communications with others.*

Unfortunately, like many other aspects of society, there are those who disregard the established rules and use social networking sites to cyber-bully, intimidate and harass others. There have been a number of high-profile cases recently where people have misused social networking sites to threaten and intimidate others.

We would urge all parents and carers to refrain from posting any items on social media platforms which either name or comment upon children, classes or members of staff. As a school, we encourage parents and carers to support us with the education and wellbeing of all children. If at any time parents or carers are concerned about, or feel there are issues negatively affecting their children's education, they should make an appointment at the earliest opportunity to discuss this with a member of staff in school.

We would advise all parents and carers that we consider it inappropriate in all circumstances to use any social media platform to openly criticise, or allege unsubstantiated and potentially harmful or damaging comments about the school, its children, or any member of staff.

In such circumstances, we reserve the right to follow appropriate legal advice and take any proportionate action deemed necessary in relation to comments made on social media platforms. Laws such as the 1988 Malicious Communications Act, 1997 Protection from Harassment Act and the 2003 Communications Act are all established to protect individuals from malicious and threatening posts made over the internet. Victims may also choose to bring civil actions for defamation or slander.

All necessary action will be taken to deal with any material posted on such sites that is, in our opinion, distressing, alarming or harassing, or in any way breaches the individual rights of the members of our school community.

We know that the vast majority of families are very supportive of school and it is your support that helps us make Redesdale Primary School such a special place, as highlighted in our recent Ofsted (January 2018) and in parental questionnaires and feedback. We appreciate and remain grateful for your continued understanding and support.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Name of child: _____

Once you have read the agreement, please could we ask all parents and carers to sign and return this page – page 4 of the Home School Agreement, one required per child.

Parents and carers will only be required to sign this once, it will then remain on file in the school for the duration of your child's time at Redesdale Primary School.

Could all adults who have parental responsibility for children, and who are regularly involved in their home school communication, also please sign this agreement wherever possible.

Please remember that we encourage all parents and carers to make an appointment with their children's Class teacher in the first instance to discuss any concerns. This may be elevated to a member of the Senior Leadership Team where necessary. We are always happy to help at Redesdale Primary School and thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



Signed:

Name: Mrs Flannaghan – Headteacher

Name of Parent or Carer: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Parent or Carer: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return to the school office no later than Friday 28th September 2018.