

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT 2023-24

Merley First School Vision

Our school is a happy, safe, caring environment, where children and adults are nurtured and challenged to grow and flourish. Our strong, community school is built upon mutual respect and caring relationships. We are a place where learners are encouraged to be curious, resilient and passionate

Growing together to build our Future

We believe the best way to educate children is by providing a happy, caring and positive environment. We encourage everyone to achieve their best and strive for high standards in teaching, learning and behaviour.

Each child is helped to:

- Develop a lively and enquiring mind, to grow in imagination and sensitivity by encouraging understanding, awareness and curiosity about the world;
- Acquire knowledge, skills, confidence and self esteem;
- To develop and adopt personal and moral values, ensuring that everyone equally enjoys respect and consideration.

This is done by:

- Equipping each child with the necessary skills in all areas of the curriculum with a strong emphasis on listening, reading, writing, communication and mathematics;
- Encouraging parents to take a full and active part in their child's education;
- Developing good working relationships between parents, staff and academy committee members.

This means we will strive to

- Enable children to become confident, resourceful, enquiring and independent learners
- Foster children's self-esteem and help them build positive relationships with other people
- Develop children's self-respect and encourage children to respect the ideas, attitudes, values and feelings of others
- Together show respect for all cultures and, in so doing, to promote positive attitudes towards other people;
- Enable children to understand their community and help them feel valued as part of this community;
- Help children grow into reliable, independent and positive citizens.

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We will use our best efforts to:

- Care for your child's safety, welfare, happiness and development
- Encourage your child to do their best at all times.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum and meet individual needs, informing and discussing with you additional support needed to meet these needs
- Share your child's educational next steps with you
- Celebrate your child's success and achievements
- Set and monitor home learning
- Share with parents/carers the curriculum to be taught each year
- Keep you informed about school activities
- Keep you informed about your child's progress at intervals of no greater than one term and act promptly in the event of problems of attendance, punctuality, behaviour or achievement
- Listen to the views of the parents/carers and children
- Be open and welcoming and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the life of the school

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

I will use my/our best effects to:

- See that my child comes to school regularly on time and is properly equipped.
- Contact the school on the first morning of absence and provide a note of explanation on each day of absence
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour
- Support my child in his/her homework and other opportunities for home learning
- Attend consultation evenings and discussions about my child's progress
- Maintain an interest in my child's life at school.
- Support my child's activities within the school.
- Maintain confidentiality when working in the school.
- Form a positive relationship with the school
- Celebrate success and achievements of children and staff

PUPIL - I will use my best efforts to be a Merley Learner:

