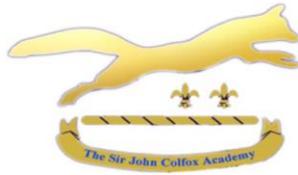


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Home – School Agreement

By working, attending or being a parent of a child at our school you agree to the following commitments.

As a SCHOOL we are committed to:

School Aims and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Making sure that students feel safe, secure and self-confident. ◆ Offering students the opportunity to obtain the qualifications and skills they need, and educating them about the values and principles of modern Britain. ◆ Offering students challenging and stimulating tasks to promote the full learning potential of all children including those with Special Needs. ◆ Helping students to improve their work and providing regular feedback. ◆ Making sure that students know what equipment they need in school. ◆ Teaching students to show respect for each other, staff, the school environment and the community, as part of our Rights Respecting Schools focus. ◆ Encouraging high standards of personal appearance and presentation. ◆ Offering a range of extra-curricular activities.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Regularly setting and marking appropriate homework for all year groups in accordance with the homework policy. ◆ Informing parents of the homework timetable and following up any concerns expressed about homework.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Encouraging and rewarding good attendance and punctuality. ◆ Providing a calendar with details of when students should be in school. ◆ Informing parents if students have missed lessons or have been off school without an explanation.
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ensuring that students behave well and in accordance with school expectations. ◆ Dealing with misbehaviour, including incidents of bullying, as soon as possible. ◆ Providing opportunities for students to take responsibility and develop leadership skills. ◆ Rewarding good behaviour appropriately. ◆ Teaching students to be confident enough not to become involved in things they know are wrong, at school and online.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Providing a prompt response system if parents have concerns. ◆ Listening to students' concerns and keeping parents informed. ◆ Holding regular parents' evenings. ◆ Reporting on student's progress, attendance and punctuality. ◆ Keeping parents informed of any educational issues or changes in school.

As a PARENT I am committed to:

School Aims and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Helping my child with their homework by encouraging them to read quietly, and use numbers in everyday situations. ◆ Keeping up to date with what my child is learning at school and talking to them about it. ◆ Promoting high standards and a positive attitude to learning. ◆ Providing the correct school equipment and ensuring my child leaves for school wearing the correct uniform. ◆ Encouraging my child to take part in all aspects of school life. ◆ Helping my child to become involved in the community, both to develop skills and for their own personal maturity. ◆ Supporting school events and extra-curricular activities where possible.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Providing, if possible, an appropriate place for my child to do their homework. ◆ Being aware of what homework is set. ◆ Encouraging my child to complete their homework and ensuring they have the time to do it. ◆ Identifying when my child has difficulty with homework and seeking help. ◆ Encouraging homework above paid employment.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Making sure my child attends school unless ill. ◆ Informing the school to explain absences immediately. ◆ Making sure my child is able to get to school on time. ◆ Not taking holidays during term time.
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Requiring my child to behave well at school. ◆ Supporting measures taken in school to deal with poor behaviour. ◆ Co-operating with the school to improve behaviour. ◆ Encouraging my child to take on responsibility in school and to help others. ◆ Encouraging my child to report any incidents of bad behaviour they see. ◆ Encouraging them to tell someone if they see incidents of bullying, stealing or racial/sexual prejudice. ◆ Helping them to be self-confident and not to get involved in things they know are wrong. ◆ Ensuring that my child knows that electronic devices will be confiscated if they are used at school, and that parents may be asked to collect a device.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Making sure the school has a contact number. ◆ Informing the school of any changes of circumstances or concerns. ◆ Attending parents' evenings where possible. ◆ Reading and responding promptly to letters from school. ◆ Approaching the school in a courteous and non-threatening manner to resolve difficulties. ◆ Understanding that, at times, the school may involve outside agencies.

As a STUDENT I am committed to:

School Aims and Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Increasing my knowledge and skills through reading and other interests in and outside school.◆ Working to the best of my ability at school.◆ Trying to improve my work and following the teachers' advice.◆ Catching up on work I have missed.◆ Having the correct equipment for lessons.◆ Showing respect for other students, staff, the school environment and the community.◆ Wearing the proper uniform and keeping to codes about jewellery.◆ Taking part in school activities in the appropriate way.◆ Not bringing inappropriate items to school.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Doing my homework properly and handing it in on time.◆ Spending the correct amount of time on it.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Attending school every day (unless ill).◆ Being on time to school and for all lessons.
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Behaving as I should in lessons and around the school.◆ Accepting sanctions the school imposes, including the confiscation of electronic devices.◆ Telling staff when I see things happening which I believe to be wrong.◆ Taking on responsibility in school and setting a good example.◆ Not allowing others to be bullied or called names without telling someone or intervening.◆ Reporting any racial or sexual harassment I see or hear.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Keeping the school informed of changes of address etc.◆ Telling staff when I have problems or concerns.◆ Taking letters home and returning reply slips.◆ Telling staff if I know someone else is having problems.