

GUILDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The Aims and Values of Guildford County School

Our aims and values are explained in detail in the Purpose and Aims section of the School Brochure. In summary, Guildford County School exists for the primary purpose of providing a service of the highest possible quality for our students and their parents. This purpose is best achieved through the acceptance of a three-way partnership which is set out in the sections below.

The School's Responsibilities

As a school, we aim to

- provide a friendly school where students feel that they are well known and that they matter;
- provide a broad and balanced curriculum at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 which includes the National Curriculum and takes note of additional guidelines published by the Department for Education and Skills;
- provide teaching which is suitable for the needs of children of all abilities;
- ensure that work is set and marked regularly;
- ensure that homework is set in accordance with the published homework timetables and marked regularly;
- encourage the highest standards of behaviour and a sense of responsibility amongst our students;
- provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities which will broaden children's experiences;
- keep parents informed of their child's progress by interim and annual reports and report to parents as soon as possible if there are concerns over progress, attendance, punctuality or behaviour;
- hold Parents' Meetings so that parents can discuss with teachers their children's progress and how improvement might be achieved;
- deal with any queries or complaints sensitively and promptly.

Parents should direct any complaints about any aspects of the school's provision to the Headteacher. All complaints will be dealt sensitively and as soon as possible, with an initial written response within three days of receipt of the complaint.

Signed: *Peter Costello* (Headteacher)

Parents' Responsibilities

As a parent, I will

- do my best to see that my child comes to school properly equipped;
- do my best to see that my child comes to school properly dressed in the correct school uniform;
- ensure that my child attends school regularly and punctually and, if there are problems over attendance and punctuality, work actively with the school to put the difficulty right;
- notify the school of the reason for my child's absence by writing a note of explanation or by telephoning the school
- write to the school well in advance to request any special leave of absence for my child during term-time;
- support the school in its homework policy;
- support the school in its commitment to achieving the highest possible standards of work and behaviour;
- support the school in its disciplinary and anti-bullying policies;
- do my best to attend Parents' Meetings and be ready to discuss the progress of my child with teachers in the school
- share with the school any concerns which I might have about the progress of my child.

Signed:

(Print name:

) Date:

Student's Responsibilities

As a student, I will do my best to

- come to school properly dressed in the correct school uniform and properly equipped for my work;
- attend school as required and be on time;
- work to the best of my ability in all of my lessons;
- allow my teachers to teach and other students to learn;
- do my homework and hand it in promptly;
- behave properly and responsibly, showing respect to everyone else in the school community;
- treat the school environment well.

Signed:

(Print name:

) Date: