



Smithdon High School

We believe at Smithdon High School that through hard work, resilience and tenacity, and our support, each child can realise their latent potential.

Learning:

We will make sure that all our lessons are well prepared and engage the students in challenging work to encourage success.

- We will provide rewards for student endeavours.
- We will set appropriate homework regularly.
- We will take our students on relevant, exciting trips.
- We will ensure that effective training and reflection will make us become better educators.

Pastoral Care:

- We will ensure that your child's tutor will follow their progress and ensure that all their needs are met.
- We will go out of our way to make sure we get to know each of our students as individuals.
- We will care about our students' wellbeing and protect their safety at all times.

Parent – School Communication:

 We believe that through regular communication, a relationship of trust

Parent

I believe my child is capable of academic and personal success and it is through hard work on the part of my child, with my support, that their potential will be realised.

Learning:

- I will allow my child to go on school field and residential trips.
- I understand that my child will have homework set regularly, including weekends, and that the expectations in terms of time allocated to do it will increase in length as they progress through school. It is my responsibility to ensure that homework is completed.
- I understand that, if homework is not completed, my child will be staying after school to complete the homework, usually on the same day.

Healthy Living:

- I understand that the school will promote a healthy lifestyle and I support the school in the choices it makes in this respect.
- I will give my child healthy food and drinks to take to school.
- I will encourage my child to take part in sports and physical activities.
- I will ensure that they have their PE kit on the days they participate in PE.

Attendance:

• I will ensure that my child arrives for school before the school gate closes at 8.30 am.

Student

I believe I am capable of academic and personal success. I am ready to do whatever it takes to realise my full potential.

Learning:

- I will arrive at school before 8.30am.
- I will always work, think and behave in the best way I know how, and I will try my hardest for my peers and myself to learn.
- I will speak to my teachers if I do not understand something.
- I will complete my homework to the best of my ability and hand it in on time.
- I will discuss any problems I am having at school with my parents, teachers and pastoral staff.

I will contribute to a safe and respectful community by the following:

- I will wear the correct uniform smartly every day.
- I will keep my electronic devices out of sight and switched off and understand that they will be confiscated if they are seen or heard anywhere in the school. I also understand that the school takes no responsibility for their safekeeping.
- I agree to abide by the school's code of conduct and understand that

- between school and home can be created.
- We will hold a parents' evening at least once a year and issue attainment reports regularly. We may ask you to come into school on other occasions to discuss your child's progress.
- We will try to respond to parents' communication within 48 hours at the latest.
- We will collect homework when we say we will, and if it is not complete we will contact parents to inform them that their child may be staying to catch up their homework that evening.
- We promise to welcome parents into the school community.

Behaviour

- We will reinforce Smithdon High School values consistently and fairly.
- We will protect students from poor behaviour by insisting on high standards and holding students to account for their actions.

We understand that this commitment will require us to go above and beyond the average expectations of a school.

We sign it voluntarily because we believe that Smithdon High School is a partnership between the parents and the staff that exists to create the best possible education for our students.

- I will not plan for family holidays or other extended absences during term time.
- I will make certain that my child attends school every day, except in cases of illness or another legitimate reason.
- If my child is absent, I will telephone the school before 8.15 am on the day of absence to report why my child is absent and provide a letter to explain their absence on the first day of their return.
- I understand that all measures taken to support absences are compulsory and non-negotiable.

Uniform and Equipment

- I will make sure my child wears the full school uniform neatly to school each day.
- I understand that uniform and equipment violations may result in my child being kept out of lessons, sent home to collect items for school or kept back after school.
- I understand that the school takes no responsibility for the damage, loss or theft of personal electronic devices.
- Mobile phones must be put away and not used or visible at any point during the school day. I agree that mobile phones will be confiscated for the duration of the day and I, as a parent, may be asked to collect the phone from school.

Parent – School Communication

- I will always make myself available to the school by providing an up to date phone number and contact details.
- I will communicate with the school in a timely and polite manner, in line with the school's values.

Discipline

- there will be consequences if I fail to do so.
- I will conduct myself in line with the school's values, both in and out of school, as I accept that as a student at the school I am an ambassador at all times.
- I will always treat everyone at Smithdon High School with respect.
 I will always listen to and care for my peers.
- I am responsible for my own behaviour.

| | I have understood Smithdon High School's consequences for misbehaviour. I understand that detentions usually happen on the day that they are given and that the standard detention will last for half an hour. I understand that my child cannot be excused from after school detentions and, if necessary, I will make arrangements to collect my child from school after the detention. | Signed: |
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| Signed: | I sign this agreement voluntarily because I believe that Smithdon High School is a partnership between the parents and the school that exists to create the best possible education for my child. Signed: | |