



Home-School Agreement

All parties agree to **work hard, be kind and smile**, and to abide by “The Smithdon Seven” in everything we do:

1. We believe in ourselves and are proud of our achievements
2. We aim high and accept challenge to achieve our ambitions
3. We take responsibility for our choices, our actions and our environment
4. We work together to support our community
5. We are equipped to learn, we work hard and we always give our best
6. We are respectful and we listen to others
7. We take pride in the presentation of ourselves and our work

In addition:

As a school, we will:

- Provide a supportive, safe and caring environment where all students can achieve their potential.
- Provide a carefully planned curriculum matched to the needs of the individual student.
- Give regular feedback on work and tell students how they can improve.
- Provide a range of enrichment and co-curricular activities.
- Keep parents informed about the progress of their child, through regular reporting and parents' evenings.
- Make every effort to enable all students to achieve high standards of work and behaviour by building positive relationships and developing a sense of individual responsibility.
- Regularly reward students for working hard and showing kindness to others.
- Provide clear expectations of behaviour in our behaviour policy and deal with disruptive or poor behaviour appropriately, fairly and consistently.
- Challenge students whose uniform does not meet the expected standard.
- Make timely contact with parents if there are problems or concerns regarding wellbeing, attendance/punctuality, behaviour or uniform.
- Listen to and respond quickly (within 48 hours where possible) to any concerns students or parents may have.
- Communicate between home and school through emails, text messages, the SIMS App, the school magazine and Twitter, to keep parents informed about key information, including the school's achievements and activities.

Signed (on behalf of the school): A.Gibbins

As a Parent, I will:

- Make sure my child attends school every day, on time and in full and correct uniform.
- Contact the school with an explanation on the first day of any absence to confirm my child is safe.
- Avoid taking my child on holiday during term time - any absences are not authorised by the Headteacher, then action will be taken according to the Government guidelines.
- Ensure my child has all the necessary equipment and kit every day to fully participate in school life.
- Support the school to ensure my child maintains a consistently high standard of behaviour, according to the policies (including but not exclusively: the behaviour, attendance and anti-bullying policies), including on the way to and from school each day.
- Encourage my child to have a positive attitude towards school and to always do their best.
- Make the school aware of any concerns that I have about my child that may affect their behaviour in school or their ability to learn.
- Keep my contact details accurate and up to date, including ensuring that there are two emergency contacts active on the school system at all times.
- Check my child's use of social networking sites and seek advice if and when appropriate
- Make every effort to support my child's learning at home by encouraging them to complete their home study tasks/homework.
- Read all correspondence from the school and respond where necessary
- Engage with subject and tutor Parents' Evenings and other information evenings.
- Treat all members of the school community with care and respect, ensuring that all communication with the school is respectful and that I make every reasonable effort to address by communications to the appropriate member of staff (see our communications booklet).
- Understand that I need to communicate with staff during core school hours (8.30am-5pm), and although they may at times respond outside of those hours, I cannot always expect that. (Please see the Communications Booklet on our website for the appropriate staff contact for your concern)

Signed: _____

As a Student, I will:

- Attend school every day and be on time
- Be on time for all lessons, with the correct books and equipment to be ready to learn
- Try my best
- Try to build positive relationships with all members of the school community and show respect for others both in and out of school
- Wear the correct school uniform with pride
- Keep any mobile devices (phones, smart watches, ipods, ipads, etc.) switched off in my bag at all times when on site (or preferably leave them at home)
- Take responsibility for my own learning
- Take responsibility for my own actions
- Be proud of my progress and success
- Respect school property, equipment, the school environment and the local community
- Tell an adult about any issues that might affect my work or behaviour
- Have a positive attitude towards, and participate fully in, the life of the school.
- Help to keep other students in the school safe by avoiding any bullying behaviour and reporting any bullying incidents.
- Complete any homework on time

Signed: _____