



## HOME- SCHOOL AGREEMENT

We are a community school. We take children of all abilities and we believe in success for everyone. "We" means all of us: students, parents and carers, staff, governors and people who live and work nearby. This document says what we have all agreed to try to do, working together to make Plantsbrook a success. We ask you to discuss it thoroughly with your child.

### School Aims

These are what the school aims to do for your child:

**At Plantsbrook, we aim to be a learning, caring, successful school, serving the community and preparing our students for the opportunities of adult life in the 21st century. To achieve this:**

- We will all do our best, continuously trying to improve and working hard to develop our skills and talents.
- We will be a school in which everyone is an achiever and everyone is made to feel valued.
- We will care for everyone equally and provide a secure, happy and yet demanding and stimulating environment, both inside and outside the classroom.
- We will all work together in a spirit of mutual respect and co-operation, both serving the local community and utilising it to enrich our learning.
- We will prepare students to become responsible citizens, able to take advantage of the opportunities of adult life, and respectful of the values and cultures of others.

### Responsibilities and Rights

These have come from the pupils through discussion at their School Council and are central to our behaviour policy.

RESPONSIBILITIES	RIGHTS
<i>EVERY STUDENT AT PLANTSBROOK HAS RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS. RESPONSIBILITIES COME BEFORE RIGHTS. IF YOU ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES, YOU WILL GAIN YOUR RIGHTS.</i>	
1. To show respect for others and their property.	To be treated fairly and with respect.
2. To listen to others and respect their opinions.	To have the right to speak when it is appropriate to do so.
3. Not to bully others, which includes cyber-bullying and to report any bullying.	To feel safe and free from all forms of bullying.
4. To appreciate that people who are different from you are equal to you.	To be treated as an individual.
5. To allow others to learn without distracting them.	To be able to learn without being distracted.
6. To try hard and do your best.	To receive praise and encouragement.
7. Not to call others names when they work hard.	Not to be called names for working hard.
8. To try your hardest to be punctual and well organised. To do all of your work and to ask for help if you need it.	To be well educated.
9. To maintain and improve the quality of the school environment.	To have a green, clean, safe and tidy school.
10. To speak to others politely and to be well mannered.	To be spoken to politely.

**Rewards and Punishments**

Teachers will praise and reward good work and behaviour wherever possible. However, we also ask parents to support us when we have to discipline children e.g. through in-school punishments like litter duty or after-school detentions.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

It is the parent’s responsibility to make sure children attend every day and on time. If your child cannot attend because of illness, we ask you to telephone the school on the first day of absence and to send in a note of explanation to the Form Tutor on the first day back.

Where possible, please arrange appointments outside of school hours, e.g. dentist, doctor. If this is not possible, parents should notify their child’s Form Tutor in writing before the appointment.

Absence for family holidays will not be authorised during term time.

Each child has a target of 97% or better for each year and should also aim for 100% punctuality.

**Uniform**

We expect all students to come to school in correct uniform and we would ask for parental support in ensuring that this is the case.

**Working with Community Partners**

At Plantsbrook we have strong links with our local community. We ask you to give your full support to any other community organisations with whom the school works e.g. the Police, the Education Welfare Service and Social Services.

**Homework**

Children should expect to receive regular homework or home learning projects. We ask parents to provide an appropriate place to do it and to check that it is properly done. Years 7 and 8 might be expected to do from 45 to 90 minutes a day, Year 9 from 1 to 2 hours and Years 10 and 11 from 1.5 to 2.5 hours. If less is set on a particular day, children should read or revise the work done during the day. Much of our curriculum is available via our website. Homework clubs are provided during lunchtimes and before and after school in the library.

**Communication**

The school will provide an annual written report on your child’s progress. You will also receive progress reports at other points during the year. Teachers may also contact you about particular matters of concern or might write a comment in your child’s organiser. You should feel free to do the same. Consultation with parents on whole school issues is normally done through discussions at Plantsbrook Association meetings and through the school newsletter which every child receives fortnightly on a Friday and which is also available on the website, or via email

**We would ask you to discuss this agreement fully with your child.**

**Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

**Signature of Student**

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