

Evergreen School



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Child.....

Introduction

The purpose of this Home-School Agreement is to assist us in working together in partnership. To help our children achieve their very best and to be secure and happy because their teachers and parents / carers are working together to help them.

Aims of the School:

1. Evergreen School aims to create a safe, stimulating environment where each individual is a valued and respected member of the school.
2. Pupils will be encouraged to maximise their potential and develop into confident, adaptable, responsive adults.
3. We believe in a partnership with parents and carers and will aim to ensure that responsibility for learning and personal development will be shared amongst parents, carers, pupils, staff and the wider community.

Education

All pupils and young people at Evergreen School have a statement of special educational need/EHCP and therefore an individual learning plan which identifies short and long-term learning intentions. These learning intentions ensure that each child has individualised learning targets. All pupils receive a broad and balanced curriculum which is differentiated to meet individual interests and needs. The school uses the Early Years Foundation Stage and the newly written school curriculum to ensure that all pupils access the full range of subjects and experiences to which they are entitled.

Behaviour and the Use of Restrictive Physical Intervention

The school maintains a policy on the Management of Pupil Behaviour. This Policy identifies that there may be occasions when the use of a restrictive physical intervention maybe necessary to help a child better manage their own behaviour and to keep them and others safe. All staff at Evergreen School have been trained (staff that are newly appointed undergo training at the earliest opportunity) and certified as competent in the use of Team Teach; a nationally accredited award-winning training programme; which is Warwickshire County Council's approved system of holistic behaviour management. In signing this agreement, Parents/Carers are agreeing to the Policy on the Management of Pupil Behaviour and the potential use of restrictive physical intervention. Parents/Carers are welcome to inspect the Policy, if so please contact the School Office.

The Acceptable Use of Images/Videos and Social Media

In line with Local Authority guidance we seek to take a reasonable and sensible approach to this sensitive subject where different parents/carers will have differing views.

We recognise that parents/carers want to capture lasting reminders of their child's/children's participation in school events and we are happy to support that.

The school can only record and permit the recording of images with signed consent from parents/carers. Some parents/carers choose to withhold their consent for very good and sensible reasons.

The development of digital photography and the common practice of sharing images via social networking sites present additional challenges for schools in terms of granting permission for parents/carers to record images.

The school allows you to take photographs (including taking photographs on mobile phones and ipads) in school of your child or children only. This agreement is subject to you recognising the need to be sensitive to other people and not cause interruptions or disruptions to performances and events.

Please note that if publishing photographs or recordings of your own child/children on social networking sites, the name of the school should not be included.

The situation is less straightforward if recorded images include other children in addition to your own, e.g. sports day or performing in part of a group. For that reason, the school asks parents and carers to only record images of their own child/children wherever possible and not to publish or upload any images of any other children (or school staff) onto any websites or social networking sites or in the media. This is in order to respect the rights of other parents not to have images of their children published or distributed without their knowledge or consent.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones brought into school are entirely at your own risk. Evergreen School accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of any phone or hand held device brought into school. Mobile phones which are brought into school must be switched to silent and not be used to make or receive telephone calls. See the section above regarding the taking and use of images.

Agreement

The remainder of this leaflet explains what the school, parents and carers and pupils have agreed to ensure that we all work together effectively to achieve the very best education possible. There is an optional section for pupils to sign and families will judge whether this section is appropriate for their own youngster. Please sign and return to the school office as soon as is possible.

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Evergreen School will:

- Encourage pupils to attend school each day
- Keep parents and carers informed about their child's progress through:
 - Annual Review/EHCP and written report
 - MAPP targets
 - Termly parents meetings
 - Class Dojo
 - Newsletters
 - Verbal contact with those families who bring or collect their child to/from school
 - School website
- Let parents and carers know of any concerns
- Positively encourage good behaviour
- Set homework or suggest activities regarding home learning, which will promote generalisation and fluency with personalised learning intentions thus enhancing holistic progress
- Use Team Teach Restrictive Physical Intervention strategies where necessary, as a last possible resort and in the child's best interests; the minimum amount of force is used for the minimum amount of time to manage a child's behaviour and to maintain theirs and others safety.

Signed: _____ (Teacher)

Parents/Carers will:

- Ensure their child attends school each day unless s/he is unwell
- Contact school by telephone or letter to explain any absence
- Provide the school with emergency contact names, addresses and telephone numbers and details of medication and emergency procedures
- Let the school know about any concerns which may affect your child's progress
- Attend parents' evenings and other discussions on your child's progress
- Ensure any homework is completed by their child
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour
- Adhere to e-safety, use of images/videos, social media and mobile phone policies in accordance with this document and hence the acceptable use policy

Signed : _____ (Parent/Carer)

Pupil will: (this section is optional at family discretion)

- Come to school each day except when unwell
- Tell an adult about anything at school which makes them unhappy or worried
- Be helpful and friendly to others
- Be responsible for their own behaviour

Signed : _____ (Pupil)

Together we will:

- Resolve any problems
- Support children's learning to help them to achieve their best
- Keep each other healthy and safe

Signed : _____ (Head Teacher)