



Chiltern Way Academy Trust

Turning Futures Around

Home School Agreement

Responsibility for this policy (job title): Heads of Campus

Responsibility for its review: CEO

Approved: 24/05/2023

Next Review Date: Summer 2024

CONTENTS

Purpose	3
The Academy	3
Our Students	4
Our Parents/Carers	4

Purpose

Home-school agreements can raise standards and contribute to school effectiveness by enhancing partnerships between parents/carers and teachers.

For example:

- Better home-school communication (on issues such as student progress, and domestic or external concerns that may affect the students' ability to learn effectively).
- Parents/carers and staff working together on issues of concern (aspirations, expectations, behaviour, peer relationships, attendance and any issues relating to wellbeing, mental health and safeguarding).
- Parents/carers supporting and helping their child's learning at home more effectively.
- The identification of issues that need to be addressed.

Our home school agreement aligns with our vision and our mission statement:

Vision:

Turning futures around.

Mission statement:

We endeavour to ensure that both staff and students have:

- Good physical health
- Good emotional health
- Strong educational principals
- Employment – purposeful and lasting
- Healthy relationships in all areas of life
- A social conscience

The Academy will:

- Ensure that the staff work in accordance with the school vision and mission statement.
- Develop a dynamic engaging learning environment.
- Maintain high standards of teaching and ensure continuity of learning for all students.
- Contact parents/carers if there is a problem with attendance, behaviour or medical needs.
- Share with parents/carer regular reports on their child's progress.
- Arrange Parent's/Carer's Evenings and Annual Reviews during which progress will be discussed.
- Keep parents/carers informed about Academy/Campus activities through regular letters home, newsletters and notices about special events.
- Employ safe behaviour management strategies.
- Provide care, support and guidance for our students.
- Create a reflective and developmental culture.
- Value and respect your child as an individual.
- Be fair and consistent.
- Reward and praise achievement.

Our Students will:

- Develop respect for self and others.
- Be kind and speak politely to everyone in school.
- Take good care of the school buildings, grounds and equipment.
- Embrace the learning opportunities given to them and achieve to the best of their ability.
- Develop an awareness of healthy lifestyles, where they are encouraged to make informed choices.
- Aim to develop into safe, happy, competent people who will make a positive contribution to society.
- Tell a member of staff if they are worried or unhappy.
- Attend school wearing the appropriate uniform.
- Follow the Academy’s Behaviour Policy (<https://chilternway.org/policies>).

Students are allowed electronic items on their transport e.g phones, ipads, and hand-held gaming devices. However, any electronics brought into school, must be handed in at the start of the school day and collected at the end. Students will only be permitted to use their devices during school time on occasions such as long journeys, on the proviso that they had signed the mobile phone contract. Any bags brought in must also be handed to staff for safekeeping.

Our Parents/Carers will:

- Work in close partnership with the Academy producing the best possible outcomes for their child.
- Keep the Academy informed about any problems that might affect their child’s performance at school.
- Promote and encourage good school attendance
- Attend/participate in Parent/Carer’s Evenings, Annual Reviews and discussions regarding their child’s progress.
- Ensure their child is properly prepared for the day, including wearing appropriate uniform.
- Encourage their child to do their best.
- Support the Academy’s policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- Ensure that their child knows they must hand in electrical items and their bag at the beginning of the school day.
- Provide transport from school to home when your child is unwell, has incurred a detention, has been excluded and during the exam period.
- Use the appropriate procedures and policies if they have an issue or complaint.
- Not use social media as a method to make allegations, complaints or to raise concerns (See Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct)

The parent/carer agrees to be held responsible for wilful damage caused to Academy property by their child and be liable for compensating the Academy the original purchase price or the cost of replacement/repair.

Parent/Carer Signature:

Parent/Carer Name (Print):

Date:

Student Signature:

Student Name (Print):

Date:

Chief Executive Officer Name (Print): **Mr Ian McCaul**