



# Crowstone Preparatory School

## The Home/School Agreement Policy

### **Introduction:**

At its most effective, the education of children is a collaborative enterprise involving teachers, parents and the pupils themselves. Self-evidently, parents know a great deal about their children; they have particular insights about their strengths, skills, interests, preferences, aspirations, anxieties and difficulties. Accordingly, the importance of meaningful, regular and positive communications between teachers and the parents of their pupils can hardly be overstated. Parents can certainly help more effectively if they know what the School is trying to achieve and how they can help.

### **Aims and Objectives:**

The Home/School Agreement is produced in the hope of strengthening the bond between Home and School – we therefore invite you to sign a declaration of support for this agreement. This Agreement is a statement of intent on behalf of both the School and parents and (where appropriate) the child as to:

- The School's aim and values
- The School's responsibilities towards its pupils
- The responsibilities of parents, guardians and carers
- The responsibilities of pupils
- The Code of Behaviour
- Complaints procedure

### **The Agreement:**

The School has clearly laid out its statements of provision and responsibility and the expectations it has of its pupils and their parents. Upon joining the School and at the commencement of each academic year the School invites Parents and Junior Pupils to sign (Infant Pupils are not required to sign but are required to be aware of the contents of the document) or to reaffirm a joint agreement between the Home and the School, "The Home School Agreement."

## The School's Responsibilities:

Crowstone Preparatory School will endeavour to fulfil the following commitments:

- Listen sympathetically and provide help and support to all children and their families.
- Encourage each child to realise their full potential.
- Provide a high quality education with a broad and balanced curriculum which endeavours to meet each child's individual needs.
- Make learning fun.
- Provide a safe, secure and happy environment for pupils, parents and teachers.
- Maintain high standards of behaviour in accordance with the School's behaviour policy. *If there are any problems regarding discipline we will expect full support for joint action between the School and the Home to overcome these difficulties.*
- Be open and welcoming at all times to children and parents and keeps parents informed about school developments.
- Keep parents informed about their child's progress.
- Inform parents about what the teachers aim to teach their children each term.
- Inform parents of staff changes, planned events and to keep parents up to date with general information.
- Contact parents if there are any concerns relating to their child.
- Set and monitor homework according to our policy.
- Provide a structured programme of preparation for external examinations such as Key Stages One and Two and the 11+ Selection Test and entrance examinations to other Public/Independent Schools.

The School:

Name:

Date:

## The Parent's Responsibilities:

As Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Carer(s) accepting a place at Crowstone Preparatory School I/we will do our best to:

- Ensure that my/our child attends school regularly, is prompt on arrival and collection, is smart in appearance and equipped with the necessary daily requirements.
- *I/we will adhere to the School Uniform Requirements*
- *I/we will ensure our child is equipped (where necessary) with asthma pumps, epi-pens, medication.*
- Inform the School of any worries or problems that might affect my/our child's studies/behaviour.
- *I/we understand that late nights and the lack of sleep will hamper our child's progress and development and I/we will see that our child is in bed at a reasonable time.*
- *I/we understand that unsupervised television or Inter usage can be damaging to our child's emotional development and we will undertake to monitor this.*
- Help my/our child to complete any homework task or assignment that is set.
- *I/we will show an interest in and ask questions about and comment meaningfully on the work and activities in which our child is currently engaged at School.*
- Attend Open Evenings to keep up with our child's development.
- Adhere to the School's Policies and Procedures, Terms and Conditions.
- Notify the School in the event of any absence.
- *Upon return to School I/we will provide a written note detailing the reason for the absence.*
- Obtain "Leave of Absence" if required during term time.
- *I/we shall not arrange holidays during Key Stage One or Two SATs and 11+ Preparation and testing. I/we will do my/our best to avoid holiday absence during term time.*
- Ensure my/our child is aware of the need to observe School Rules.
- *If there are any problems in School I/we will support joint action with the School and will work together to overcome these difficulties.*

The Parent(s):

Name:

Date:

## The Pupil's Responsibilities:

As a pupil at Crowstone Preparatory School I will do my best to:

- Attend my School regularly and punctually.
- Wear my School Uniform properly and with pride and be smart in appearance.
- Bring all that I need for my lessons on the correct days.
- Do all of my class work and homework to the very best of my ability and to present assignments on time.
- Tell a teacher if I am being bullied or if I see anyone else being bullied.
- Respect School equipment and property and use these items in a responsible manner.
- Be helpful and polite to teachers, fellow pupils and visitors.
- Be kind to others.
- Abide by the School Rules and Code of Behaviour.

The Pupil:

Name:

Date:

\* Only Junior pupils are required to sign this document once it has been explained and they understand its contents. However, all pupils are expected to adhere to the principles set out here.