

Isaac Newton School



Home School Agreement

Dear Parents/Carers

Please ensure that you read our Home School agreement and sign the final page, agreeing to abide by the schools policies and procedures. It is important that you complete the agreement as quickly as possible so that we can allow your child to participate in the full range of activities that we offer as a school.

Thank you for your support

Parent and Teacher Responsibilities

Parents:

I/We shall

- See that my child attends school regularly, arriving by 8:50 I will also ensure that he/she is properly equipped and is dressed in school uniform (see page 5). I will contact the school if my child is going to be absent that day.
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- Support my child in homework and other opportunities for home learning.
- Attend parents evening and discussions about my child's progress, getting to know about my child's school life.
- Avoid taking my child on holiday during term time. I acknowledge that leave of absence must be granted in advance by the school and that leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Any absence for holiday will be unauthorised.

The School will:

- Contact parents/carers if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality or damage to school equipment.
- Let parents/carers know about any concerns or problems that affect their child's work or behaviour and give regular updates on progress through parents evenings and reports.
- Provide a balanced curriculum to meet each child's needs.
- Be open and welcoming, offering opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in the daily life of the school and keeping you informed about school events and matters.
- Care for your child's safety and happiness, ensuring that your child fulfils their potential as a valued member of the school community.

Contact Details

We need to ensure that our contact details for each child are correct. It is essential that we have the correct details so that we are able to make contact with parents/carers in an emergency.

As your child progresses through the school please ensure that you inform us of any changes in address, telephone number or mobile phone number — this includes changes for any person that you may wish us to contact should you be unavailable.

We will send you a copy of our records each year so that you are able to check that they are correct.

The End of The Day

We will assume that children are being collected by their parents or carers. **Please let your child's teacher know if your child is going home with somebody else.**

We are unable to allow children to leave the school grounds if we have not been informed that somebody else is picking your child up. If your circumstances change during the day then please call the school office who will inform the class teacher.

Medicines

The only medications which can be administered by staff in schools are those prescribed by a doctor for a pupil. Commercially available medications such as painkillers, antiseptics etc will **not** be administered by any member of staff.

Staff will only be able to administer prescribed medication. The administration of medication can only be carried out once a parent/carer has completed a medicine administration form which can be requested from the school office.

We do ask, wherever possible, that medication is administered at home rather than at school.

A Healthy School

At Isaac Newton we are keen to ensure that your child adopts a healthy lifestyle. All children will participate in P.E. each week. This is supplemented by swimming for specific classes during the year.

Children in KS1 are offered a piece of fruit each day and all children have the option to bring a water bottle which they can access during each lesson.

In order to reinforce aspects of PSHE, Science and other subjects we often ask children to sample different types of food. In such cases we always check our records to ensure that any allergies are known and religious beliefs observed.

Photos, Video and Images

We may wish to use the photos/videos of children in the following ways:

Occasionally we are contacted by local/national media requesting photographs of/or permission to video children. We also like to publish our achievements in the press — usually in the form of photos. Where the press or other agencies would like to use video images in the public domain we will request your permission separately. By signing the agreement you confirm that photos may be published in the **media including newspapers and magazines**.

Photos are also increasingly used in school driven media formats such as the **website, twitter, facebook and school prospectus**. This means that by signing the permission slip (p10) you understand that your child may appear on the school's Facebook and Twitter account.

Photographs are sometimes taken of the children in their working school environment in order to keep a **record of the work** of the school and achievement of the children.

As technology develops we are using video more and more to enhance learning and recording of work in school. In the future we may wish to film significant events in the school calendar and may make a **DVD to put on sale** to members of the school community. As such your child may be filmed on occasion in school.

When signing the slip on the final page of this home school agreement you are agreeing that your child's image can be used in the ways outlined above.

If you do not wish to give permission for your child's image to be used then please inform Mr Hill in writing.

Local Trips

From time to time we like to organise occasional, short walks within Grantham as part of our curriculum studies. These walks are always well supervised and controlled.

Rather than completing a permission slip for each of these local visits we ask that you give your permission at this stage.

Medical Forms for Trips

Rather than completing a medical form for each visit or club we take the medical details from your child's school application form, send you a data checking sheet to amend annually. Should these details change then it is essential that you inform a member of the office staff immediately.

We will request that you complete a **permission slip** for each club or visit on which you will be reminded to amend your child's medical details should their health needs have changed.

Uniform

Winter

White shirt and grey or black trousers or skirt.

Summer

White trousers) or trousers with white plain shirts or polo shirts

White shirts. Alternatively, red/white checked or pinafore dresses

Kit

Black sports shorts and a pair of plimsolls.

White bottoms and a hoodless warm sweater

White socks to cover each child's feet. This prevents any playground accidents where exposed

PE and JEWELLERY

Please ensure that children do not wear jewellery to school unless there is a medical rea-

son for the child being allowed to take part in PE. Teachers are no longer allowed to participate in PE with tape over their earrings.

During Summer Holidays so that they are able to remove ear rings upon their return to

They must not be wearing earrings — even if they have been taped over.

School

The Internet

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All: Grey sweatshirt, white shirt/polo s

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Boys: Grey/black tailored shorts (same material as school

Girls: Grey/black skirts or trousers with white plain shirts polo

P.E.

Indoor: A plain/school black t-shirt, bli

Outdoor: The above, a pair of jogging

During the Summer Term we request that sandals are not worn and that all shoes feet are easily damaged.

EARRINGS and

Jewellery present a health and safety risk during the school day. As such we requ son.

Children should only wear studs in their ears. These will need to be removed prior help children remove or insert earrings, nor are they allowed to allow children to

We request that pupils have their ears pierced during the first weeks of the Sun school.

Remember—No child is allowed to participate in PE should th

We would be grateful if you would read this code of conduct and talk about it with your child. We understand that not all children (especially those in the infants and Foundation Stage) will be able to fully comprehend the code but request that you reinforce the need to follow the instructions of the class teacher when using the computers.

This code of conduct applies at all times whilst using school equipment.

If your parents have given you permission to have access to the internet in school and have signed and returned the Home School Agreement, internet access will be provided for you to conduct research and communicate with others, but only on the understanding that you agree to follow this code.

You should:

- only go onto sites that your teacher says you are allowed to
- remember that we can check which sites you have been using
- be careful of what you say to others and how you say it. *Never give your address, telephone number or any information, about yourself or others, to anybody on the internet.*
- treat others as you would expect to be treated- *be polite.*
- check with an adult before you use anything from the internet in your own work—you may not be allowed to

Always check with your teacher before:

- sending e-mail
- opening e-mail attachments
- downloading files and pictures.

Please remember that:

Your work on the internet will be closely monitored at all times by your teacher.

Using the internet at our school is a privilege which could be lost if not used properly.