



HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT 2025-26

Merley First School Vision

Our school is a happy, safe, caring environment, where children and adults are nurtured and challenged to grow and flourish. Our strong, community school is built upon mutual respect and caring relationships. We are a place where learners are encouraged to be curious, resilient and passionate; ready, respectful and engaged.

Growing together to build our Future

We believe the best way to educate children is by providing a happy, caring and positive environment. We encourage everyone to achieve their best and strive for high standards in teaching, learning and behaviour.

Each child is helped to:

- Develop a lively and enquiring mind, to grow in imagination and sensitivity by encouraging understanding, awareness and curiosity about the world;
- Acquire knowledge, skills, confidence and self esteem;
- Develop and adopt personal and moral values, ensuring that everyone equally enjoys respect and consideration.

This is done by:

- Equipping each child with the necessary skills in all areas of the curriculum with a strong emphasis on listening, reading, writing, communication and mathematics;
- Encouraging parents to take a full and active part in their child's education;
- Developing good working relationships between parents, staff and academy committee members.

This means we will strive to:

- Enable children to become confident, resourceful, independent learners.
- Foster children's self-esteem and help them build positive relationships with other people.
- Develop children's self-respect and encourage children to respect the ideas, attitudes, values and feelings of others.
- Show respect for all cultures and, in so doing, promote positive attitudes towards other people.
- Enable children to understand their community and help them feel valued as part of this community.
- Help children grow into reliable, independent and positive citizens.

Merley First School will:

- Care for your child's safety, welfare, happiness and development
- Encourage your child to do their best at all times.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum and meet individual needs, informing and discussing with you additional support needed to meet these needs.
- Share your child's educational next steps with you.
- Celebrate your child's success and achievements
- Set and support home learning.
- Share the curriculum to be taught with parents/carers each term
- Keep you informed about school activities.
- Keep you informed about your child's progress at intervals of no greater than one term and act promptly in the event of problems of attendance, punctuality, behaviour or achievement.
- Listen to the views of the parents/carers and children.
- Be open and welcoming and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the life of the school.

Parents/carers:

I/we will use my/our best efforts to:

- Ensure my child comes to school regularly on time and is properly equipped.
- Contact the school on the first morning of absence (through Arbor or by phone) and provide an explanation for each period of absence.
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Support my child in his/her homework and other opportunities for home learning through online platforms
- Attend consultation evenings and discussions about my child's progress.
- Maintain an interest in my child's life at school.
- Support my child's activities within the school.
- Maintain confidentiality when supporting school events.
- Form and maintain a positive relationship with the school.
- Celebrate the successes and achievements of children and staff.

Pupil - I will use my best efforts to be a respectful, ready and engaged Merley learner.