

As those of you who have ever had a chance to attend our assemblies will know, we make every effort to ensure that they are as interesting and inclusive as possible by picking up on moral as well as religious themes, as well as trying to reflect the multi-cultural nature of our society.

However, I am writing to remind you that any child, at the written request of parents, can be excused from formal religious assemblies or RE lessons, on the grounds of religious conviction.



Letters from parents wishing to exercise this right should be addressed directly to me and arrangements would be made for such pupils to be supervised outside of these lessons and assemblies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to have more information on this or discuss this further.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

School Vision

'At Merley First School we provide a nurturing and challenging environment that is built on mutual respect. A place where learners are encouraged to be curious, resilient and successful, whilst developing a love of learning based on independence, creativity and teamwork.'

Journey of Discovery



Our values for learning are:

Independence
Creativity
Teamwork

We believe that everyone learns when they are given the Independence needed to rise to the challenge of learning creatively in a safe environment of mutual Respect.

In order to achieve these aims we encourage an open and honest partnership with the parents.

This means we will strive to

- Enable children to become confident, resourceful, enquiring and 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, to 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

We will use our best efforts to:

- 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 targets with you
- Celebrate your child's success and achievements
- Set, mark and monitor home learning in accordance with the home learning policy
- Inform parents about the curriculum to be taught each year
- 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 and children
- Be open and welcoming and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the school

Signed: _____ (Headteacher)

Signed: _____ (Class Teacher)

Dated: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

I will use my/our best efforts to:

- See that _____ comes to school regularly on time and is properly equipped
- Telephone the school on the first morning of absence and provide a note of explanation on return
- 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 in accordance with the school home learning policy
- 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 working in the school
- Form a positive relationship with the school
- Celebrate success and achievements of children and staff

Signed _____

Dated: _____

PUPIL

I will use my best efforts to keep the school charter:

Everyone has a right to...
respect

have our own opinions

learn

enjoy success
be safe

Child's signature _____

Dated: _____

So everyone has the responsibility to...

care for each other

look after and encourage each other

listen to and share each other's ideas and
welcome our differences

do our best

listen carefully to others

share and celebrate one another's success

play gently and share

