



Civitas Academy

Home School Agreement

At Civitas Academy, we believe that a great education is one of the most precious gifts a child can receive. Therefore, our committed staff and Local Governing Body work tirelessly to provide a quality education for all the children in our school.

Rights Respecting School

Civitas Academy is working towards being a Rights Respecting School, which means that the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child is at the heart of what we do. Everyone learns to use the language of the rights, respect and responsibility. Adults model Rights Respecting behaviour and language and as a community we seek to challenge injustice, inequality and poverty in our world. Our children are taught to distinguish between 'wants' and 'needs' and they have a strong voice in the classroom which enhances teaching and learning.

The staff will:

- Provide quality teaching so that our children are able to achieve their full potential
- Implement the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools initiative so that our children learn in a safe and caring environment where all are valued
- Know the children as individuals. This means knowing where they are in their learning, how they learn and the best way to support them
- Provide a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum
- Help children become independent learners; encourage them to think for themselves, develop their own opinions, and to organize their time and resources effectively with support from the staff
- Help children develop as individuals, encouraging confidence, self - esteem and positive relationships with other children and adults
- Form positive relationships with the parents/carers of the children they teach, so that there is a shared understanding. Children learn best when school and home work together for the benefit of the child
- Inform parents/carers of their children's progress at regular meetings
- Keep parents/carers informed of developments in the school through regular newsletters, website and other forms of communication
- Recognise and reward success and achievement
- Ensure high standards of behaviour are maintained

Parents/Carers will:

- Make sure that our children arrive for school on time every day and are collected on time every day
- Make sure that our children attend school every day. If they are absent you must inform the school office
- Support Civitas Academy's uniform policy and label all clothing, including PE kits
- To explain to our children what school is for: a place for learning where he/she will be with other people and that means sharing books, equipment, adult attention and co-operating with others
- To help our children with their learning; showing an interest in what your child has done at school; sharing reading books; listening to them read every night, supporting them with their different homework tasks; looking after and returning borrowed books and resources; attending parents meeting and open evenings to discuss your child's progress
- To support the school. Any worries or concerns should be shared *privately* with the class teacher in the first instance. Please don't voice your concerns in front of your child or other children in a public place. Make an appointment. We are always willing to listen and come to a shared understanding. If a parent criticises the school, the child will do the same, and this will affect their learning
- Avoid absence from learning during term time by not requesting time out of school

- Send children to school ready to learn. Children need to concentrate to learn, and therefore need to be fit and well, to have had enough sleep, to have eaten and to be suitably dressed
- Communicate with the school any special medical needs, or any special circumstances at home that may affect children's learning
- Report issues to the school and allow staff to deal with them, never approaching children or other parents/carers
- Support the school's policies and guidelines

Children will:

As parents and staff, we need to explain to our children what is expected of them. Here are some examples of the behaviour we require from the children at Civitas Academy.

- To co – operate with all members of staff at Civitas Academy
- To work with other children in a respectful way
- To take responsibility for their own actions
- To behave well and follow our Rights Respecting charters
- To develop self - control
- To be polite and well mannered
- To be honest
- To respect the feelings of others, and learn to sort out difficulties without using physical or emotional violence
- To listen carefully to adults in the school and do as we are asked straight away
- To respect the other children in school and remember that everyone has a right to learn
- To respect other children's and the school's property, keeping our environment clean and tidy
- To complete homework on time
- To read everyday
- To try to produce their best in all aspects of school life

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Civitas Academy:

Parent/Carer:

Child:

Date: