

# Lingham Primary School

## Home School Agreement Policy



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## **OVERVIEW:**

In line with sections 110 and 111 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 the Governing Body of this school will publish a home-school agreement and associated parental declaration..

## **OBJECTIVES:**

1. To enhance and promote the ethos of the school
2. To promote an understanding of the importance of, and responsibility for, regular and punctual attendance
3. To promote an understanding of the importance of, and responsibility for, good discipline and behaviour
4. To ensure that all understand what is expected from the school, parents and pupils in relation to homework
5. To underpin the information the school and parents will give one another.
6. The Governing Body will ensure that what they are asking parents to sign is reasonable

## **STRATEGIES:**

1. This governing body will take reasonable steps to ensure that all registered parents of pupils of compulsory school age sign the parental declaration to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the agreement
2. Parents will be asked to sign the parental declaration after the child has been admitted to the school
3. The signing of the parental declaration will not be a condition of the child's admission to the school
4. The governing body will not make a decision about admitting a child to the school on assumptions about whether his or her parents are or are not likely to sign the parental declaration.
5. The home-school agreement will only include terms and conditions which are lawful and reasonable,
6. It will not require parents to make a financial contribution to the school.
7. Breaches of the terms of the agreement will not be actionable through the courts.
8. A child will not be excluded from school, or face punishment, as a result of a parent's failure to sign the agreement or abide by their declaration.
9. Parents will not face any sanction for either not signing the home-school agreement or failing to abide by its requirements.
10. In some circumstances the school may also invite any pupil, who they consider to have a sufficient understanding of the home-school agreement as it relates to them, to sign the agreement as an indication that they acknowledge and accept the school's expectations of its pupils.
11. The school will review the agreement from time to time.
12. Before adopting or revisiting a home-school agreement, all parents of registered pupils at the school will be consulted.
13. Where parents have separated it is important that, where possible, both mothers and fathers are given the opportunity to sign a copy of the agreement's parental declaration.

## **OUTCOMES**

The parental declaration on the form will be clear and easy to understand. We will take reasonable steps to ensure that all "parents" both within and outside the child's home, giving equal weight to both mothers and fathers, are given the opportunity to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the home-school agreement, and review the content of the agreement regularly during the time their child is at school.

Adopted by the Governing Body .....