

West Exmoor Federation

**Lynton V.A., Parracombe C of E and
Kentisbury Primary Schools**

Home/School Agreement

GUIDELINES

Federation Ethos

The Federation schools aim to serve their communities by providing an education of the highest possible quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. Staff will aim to provide a happy and caring atmosphere, encouraging every child to reach his/her full potential. There is a particular emphasis on promoting the qualities of co-operation, tolerance and compassion among pupils and the need for them to take responsibility for their own actions and the well-being of those around them.

Standard of Education

Parents/carers can expect the schools to pursue high standards of teaching and learning delivered through a balanced range of subjects in accordance with the National Curriculum. This will include the testing of pupils at Key Stages 1 and 2 and careful monitoring and assessment of the results. The needs of children of all abilities will be recognised and met.

Attendance

The law states that parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that children of compulsory school age receive a full-time, appropriate education. This means attending their school punctually during term time and staying for the whole school day. Where there is good reason for absence (e.g. illness) parents/carers are required to notify their school as quickly as possible. For its part, the school will inform parents/carers where children fail to arrive as expected.

If attendance problems become persistent, parents/carers will be expected to work with their school and Education Welfare Officers to solve them.

Parents/carers must seek permission in advance if they wish to take pupils on holiday during term time.

Discipline and Behaviour

The Federation believes that good behaviour is essential if children are to flourish academically and socially. Pupils will be expected to observe schools'/Federation Behaviour, Discipline and Anti-Bullying policies. Parents/carers have a critical role to play in shaping their children's attitude and will be asked to work in partnership with staff to ensure high standards of discipline are maintained.

Homework

Homework supports and reinforces the work which is being carried out in our schools and provides a way of allowing parents and carers to take an active and important part in their child's education. Parents/carers have a particularly vital role to play in encouraging reading, helping with spelling and promoting basic numeracy and literacy skills. Where formal homework is set, parents/carers will be expected to help ensure it is completed.

Sharing of Information

Communication between home and classroom is essential. Parents/carers will receive annual written reports about their child's progress and will also be invited to consultation evenings during which they can chat to staff about any particular concerns. Parents/carers will need to inform their school about any private matter which could affect their child's well being, work or behaviour. The school will welcome this information as a way of ensuring all pupils' needs are fully met. As in all home-school matters, parents/carers can be assured of total confidentiality.

School/Federation Administration Procedures

From time to time your school will need to:

- Ask for information from you
- Ask for responses to initiatives/questionnaires
- Ask for permission slips to be returned
- Ask for money to be paid, on or by a due date e.g. dinner money or voluntary contributions for trips and extra activities

It would most helpful if parents/carers could ensure that these requests are met promptly and any dates are strictly adhered to.

N.B. These guidelines are intended only as a brief summary. Full details are obtainable in relevant school/Federation policies as follows:

Whole School Policy	Anti-Bullying Policy
Behaviour and Discipline Policy	Homework Policy

If you wish to have a copy of any of these policies, please let your school know.

AGREEMENT

The Parents/Carers:

I /We shall aim to:

- Ensure that my/our child/children will go to their school regularly and on time.
- Keep the school informed of any family concerns or problems which might affect my/our child's/children's work or behaviour.
- Support school/federation policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- Support my/our child/children in homework and home learning.
- Attend consultation evenings and take opportunities to discuss my/our child's/children's progress as they arise.
- Share an interest in all aspects of my/our child's/children's life at school.
- Follow guidelines for school/Federation administration procedures.

The Federation of Schools:

We shall aim to:

- Provide a safe, secure and happy environment for your child/children.
- Encourage your child/children to reach their full potential.
- Provide a balanced curriculum and meet the individual needs of children.
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour through the development of good relationships between pupils, staff and governors and the promotion of a sense of responsibility in all pupils.
- Keep you informed about general school/Federation matters and about your child's/children's individual progress.
- Be open and welcoming and encourage you to become involved in the work of your child's/children's school and the other schools within the Federation.

The children will aim to do their best to follow their own school's code of behaviour.

Signed Parents/Carers Date

Signed Headteacher Date