



Home – School Agreement

Introduction

The effectiveness of teaching and learning, and adherence to standards of behaviour and attendance are under-pinned and formalised by the following Home-School Agreement. The Home-School Agreement, which is entered into with all Stour Valley Community School's parents and carers, is a signed declaration that everyone will play their part in ensuring that students are given every opportunity to achieve in a supportive and personalised environment at home and at school.

The central aim of Stour Valley Community School is to develop each student to their full potential. To this end the School and its staff strive to promote a broad, balanced range of learning experiences in an atmosphere of mutual respect and support where all achievement is acknowledged and celebrated.

Good conduct is valued and we see it as preparing students for the responsibilities of belonging to the broader community. We believe the partnership created by this agreement, involving the student, parents or carers and the school lies at the core of our combined successes.

This document sets down the expectations we have as a school and our commitment to your child and to you. This document also demonstrates your commitment to your child's education, the school and its values.

Home School Links

Communication between all parties is critical to increasing the outcomes for each and every student. Electronic communication is via School Comms, allowing email and text communication between home and school. Telephone and email contact information is available in student's planners and on the school website.

Parents and carers should ensure the school always has up-to-date contact information (e.g. mobile phone numbers or changes in email addresses). The school seeks to hold at least two contacts on file for each student. Additionally, it is helpful for the reception staff to know if parents or carers are going to be away from home and your child is staying with grandparents or being looked after by a family friend, so the most appropriate person can be contacted in an emergency.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance at school on a regular basis is the key to doing well and sets students up with good habits for later life and the working world. If your child is not in school then you must have a justifiable reason. **Parents and carers should use the dedicated Absence Line to notify school on each day of absence (01787 326941).** Permission will not be given for holidays to be taken during term time as the school is not able to authorise holidays. Punctuality is an important part of self-discipline and is essential to good time management. If your child is late for any reason they should sign in at reception upon arrival.

Confidentiality

The school regards the privacy of each student and their parents or carers as extremely important. SVCS will always endeavour to treat personal information sensitively and discuss with you how widely to circulate it. This means that although staff will always listen to your views, it is not possible to comment to you, in detail, on the behaviour or circumstances of children other than your son or daughter. The school will not disclose your personal details to other parents or organisations without your permission. All information held by the school is stored in accordance with current General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation as set out in the Data Protection Act 2018.

Home – School Agreement Policy

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Next review date: **November 2025**

The Agreement

The Staff and Governors of SVCS will:

1. provide a fulfilling and challenging education;
2. encourage every student to do his or her best and reach their full potential;
3. provide a safe, secure, healthy and caring environment;
4. promote the values of self-discipline, courtesy and responsibility;
5. provide a clear framework for behaviour and discipline;
6. set homework regularly; monitoring and reporting on it;
7. create and maintain positive environments for learning;
8. maintain a range of communications channels that enable regular input and feedback with parents and students on progress, behaviour, school and community life;
9. provide a range of extra-curricular activities; and
10. maintain up to date resources for learning.

As a parent/carer of a Stour Valley Community School student I will:

1. take an active interest in my child's education and their progress;
2. encourage my child to do their best;
3. provide facilities to help with homework;
4. actively support the school's approach to behaviour, discipline, and standards;
5. accept that I have responsibility for my child's behaviour;
6. encourage my child to take a pride in his/her school and to play a full part in school activities;
7. contact the school at the earliest opportunity in the event of any problems and seek its support in coordinating a proactive and appropriate response;
8. attend parents evenings and other school events;
9. support my child's participation in extra-curricular activities; and
10. ensure that my child attends school in accordance with the school's policy.

As a Student of Stour Valley Community School I will:

1. do my best and show a positive attitude to learning;
2. complete work on time and to the best possible standard;
3. take an active part in extra-curricular activities;
4. take a pride in my appearance and that of the school;
5. keep to all school rules;
6. exercise self-discipline and take responsibility for my actions;
7. show courtesy and respect to all members of the school community;
8. respect the school environment;
9. show a sense of pride in the school;
10. arrive on time and aim for 100% attendance; and
11. contribute to Student Voice activities and feedback sensibly and fairly.

In confirmation of acceptance of this agreement, the appropriate signatures are given below:

Name of student: _____ **Form:** _____

Signature of student: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of person(s) with parental responsibility:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name - please print: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name - please print _____

Signed for and on behalf of Stour Valley Community School

Date: _____

**Rachel Kelly
Headteacher**

Ratified by Governing Body	SVCS LGB
Date	29 November 2022