

Houstone Home – School agreement 2022-23

At Houstone School, we believe that, given the right circumstances, every child is capable of extraordinary things.

We live by our values: Aspiration, Endeavour, and Respect. We will ensure your child reaches their potential through our actions and with your support.

Houstone declaration

Aspiration:

- We will make sure we always come to lessons prepared
- We will provide rewards for pupils' endeavours.
- We will set appropriate homework regularly, which we will check.
- We will take our pupils on trips.
- We will ensure that each pupil's tutor will follow each of their tutees' progress and ensure that all individual needs are met.

Endeavour:

- We will hold parent meetings at least twice a year and issue attainment reports at regular intervals.
- We will make sure that pupils and parents will be able to contact the school and will reply to all communications from parents as soon as possible, usually within 48 hours.
- We will collect homework, and if it is not complete, we will contact parents the same day to inform them that their child will be staying to catch up their homework that evening.
- We will constantly strive to become better educators.
- We will model and read with your child every day for 30 minutes.

Respect:

- We believe that through regular communication, a relationship of trust between school and home can be created.
- We will go out of our way to get to know each of our pupils as individuals.
- We will care about our pupils' wellbeing, and protect their safety at all times.
- We will reinforce the Houstone School values and behaviour policy consistently and fairly.
- We will protect pupils from bad behaviour by insisting on high standards and holding pupils to account for their actions.
- We will consistently use the behaviour policy to support learning.
- We promise to welcome parents into the school community.
- We will model immaculate behaviour & conduct for your child
- We will work closely with pupils and families to consider their experiences at Houstone School

Pupil declaration

Aspiration:

- I will try my best in every lesson, especially when learning is challenging.
- I will bring all of my equipment to school so that I am fully prepared to learn.
- I will be a reflective learner and think about how I can be better than yesterday.
- I will complete all my homework and I will ask my teachers if I have a problem with the homework prior to the deadline.
- I will attend trips and residential to support me in achieving my aspirations.

Endeavour:

- I will arrive at school by 8.25am every day.
- I will always work, think, and behave in the best way, and I will go the extra mile for my Houstone peers and me to learn.
- I will raise my hand and ask questions in class if I do not understand something.
- I will remain after school for Extended Prep on any day that my homework is not neat and complete or if I hand in my homework late.
- I will discuss any problems I am having at school with my parents and teachers.
- I will read every day for at least 30 minutes.

Respect:

- I will wear correct uniform smartly every day.
- I will hand in my mobile phone every day, switched off and understand that they will be confiscated if they are seen or heard anywhere on school premises.
- I agree to abide by the school code of conduct and understand there will be consequences if I fail to do so.
- I will always treat everyone at Houstone School with respect. I will always listen to and care for my Houstone peers.
- I am responsible for my own behaviour, including my behaviour outside the school gates and times, even when not in uniform - the same rules apply at all times of the day because I now represent our school.
- I will not bring any banned items to school and understand there will be consequences if I do.
- I will display the school values through all my actions every day.
- I will make sure that my parent/carer does not drop me off outside the school entrance, and only uses the designated drop off points on the far side of the leisure centre.

Parent/Carer declaration

Aspiration:

- I will ensure my child takes part in sports and physical activities and allow them to go on school field and residential trips.
- I understand that my child will have homework set regularly, including weekends, and that the expectations of time allocated to do it will increase in length as they progress through the school. It is my responsibility to see that homework is completed.
- I understand if homework is not completed my child will have to attend after school Extended Prep, usually on the same day, which will last 30 minutes.

Endeavour:

- I will ensure my child arrives in school by 8.25am every day and that their attendance will not fall below 97%.
- I will not plan for family holidays or other extended absences during term time.
- I will make certain that my child attends school every day, except in cases of illness or another legitimate reason.
- If my child is absent, I will telephone the school before 8:15 a.m. on the day of the absence to report why my child is absent.
- I will make sure my child wears the full school and bring all their equipment to school daily and violations may result in my child being sent home to collect the items or us bringing the proper items to school.
- I will never drop my child off outside of the school entrance and will only use the designated drop off points on the far side of the leisure centre.

Respect:

- I will always make myself available to the school by providing up-to-date contact details and will communicate in a timely and polite manner, in line with the school's values.
- I understand that the school and parents need to work together, and I will not undermine decisions made by the school in front of my child to ensure consistency of messaging is maintained.
- I will read all reports carefully, attend all parent meetings and sign my child's planner each weekend.
- I have understood the Houstone School values and will support the school's consequences for misbehaviour.
- I understand that detentions usually happen on the day that they are given, and that the standard detention will last 30 minutes, and until 6pm for serious breaches of the code of conduct.
- I understand that my child cannot be excused from detention for any reason.
- I will ensure my child does not bring any banned items to school.
- I understand that my child's phone will be collected every morning and returned on their departure from school.