

Home School Agreement

Aim

John Ferneley College aims to provide a 'children first' approach to education to engage, support and achieve with every student. Through specifically designed curriculum pathways, students get a fresh start and are pushed to reach their full potential.

Purpose

All schools and academies have a Home-School Agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to set out how students, parents and the school should work together to ensure that every student has the opportunities to achieve the highest levels of attainment possible.

Student

I shall try to:

- Attend every day on time expecting to work hard.
- Always do my best in all areas of my schoolwork, both in lessons and at home.
- Be ready to learn in every lesson with correct uniform and equipment.
- Follow the behaviour policy and uniform policy.
- Take advantage of all opportunities offered to me by the school, both within and outside lessons.
- Show respect for all members of the school and all property within the school by doing as asked first time, every time.

Parent/Guardian

I/We shall try to:

- Encourage my/our child's regular, punctual attendance with proper equipment.
- Encourage my/our child's learning through homework and other activities.
- Attend parents' evenings and consultation evenings concerning my/our child's progress.
- Get to know and take interest in my/our child's life at school.
- Make the school aware of any concerns that might affect my/our child's progress.
- Support the school's behaviour policy and uniform policy.
- Update the school with any changes to contact details.

Staff and Trust Board

We shall try to:

- Care for your child's safety and happiness.
- Create a good environment for learning.
- Act as role models for your child in punctuality, being prepared for lessons and relationships with other members of the school community.
- Encourage and motivate your child to do the very best they can.
- Keep you informed about your child's progress, homework, and about general school matters.
- Offer opportunities for you to become involved in school life.
- Have high expectations of your child's behaviour to ensure best possible outcomes.

School uniform policy

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. A uniform supports positive behaviour and discipline; ensures students of all races and backgrounds feel welcome; protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; nurtures cohesion and promotes good relations between different groups of students.

John Ferneley School uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Establishes a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical and smart
- Promotes equality

We believe that wearing the school uniform smartly helps to prepare our young people to be successful as adults: teaching them that dressing smartly can affect people's impressions of us, can create a sense of belonging and increase our self-esteem.

We expect parents/guardians to support this policy to ensure all students are dressed appropriately for school. Please note regular uniform checks will take place.

Although we appreciate style and individuality, please respect the fact that this is still a school and consequently ask you to abide by the rules of the dress code, which is still very flexible and allows plenty of scope for self-expression.

Facilities

We expect all students to use school facilities in an appropriate way by:

- Looking after the common areas and in particular clearing away rubbish into the bins and reporting any damage or destruction of property immediately.
- Signing out if leaving the school site and signing back in on their return. This is to be strictly agreed between the school and Parents/Guardians.

Attendance

At John Ferneley College our aim is to maintain excellent attendance and punctuality for every student. This enables us to offer maximised learning opportunities and ensures that our students are able to reach their full potential in all aspects of school life.

Students and their parents/guardians need to be aware that attendance needs to be above 96% or the county may choose to pursue legal action against individuals. In this case parents may be fined up to £1,000 for non-attendance.

Should a student not be able to attend school on a particular day, the school should be made aware as soon as possible and appropriate documentation may be needed for sustained or consistent periods of absence.

Sanctions

Teachers will reward and sanction students in line with our behaviour policy. After school detentions are non-negotiable and do not require parental permission. Out of courtesy we will always inform you if your child needs to attend a detention after school.