

The Riverside School Parent Charter

Riverside School is committed to the success and positive experience of our pupils. Our success is determined by having a good quality partnership between school and parents. We ask parents to familiarise themselves with this charter and support us by meeting our parental expectations.

Uniform and equipment

- Please ensure your child has all the required uniform and equipment for each day; perhaps consider packing school bags the evening before school with everything your child needs for the following day;
- Please let us know in advance of any issues with equipment or uniform so we can help.

Attendance and arrival/departures

- Please ensure your child maintains a good attendance record;
- Please ensure your child arrives to school on time each day; you can help this by giving your child a regular routine at home;
- Please contact the school to inform us of any absences. Please do not arrange holidays during term time;
- Be safe and considerate to others when dropping off/picking up your child outside the School. Do not obstruct the carpark, local resident's or private properties – remember we want to maintain good relations with our neighbours;
- Let us know if you might be late collecting or if there is a change to your usual collection arrangements.

Behaviour standards, safety and wellbeing

- Please read and familiarise yourself with the school's Parental Code of Conduct, Behaviour Policy and Anti-bullying Policy;
- Please discuss your child's behaviour and support the school from home. Set your child a good example of considerate and courteous behaviour in your dealings with school;
- Parents are reminded that the school is responsible for setting sanctions and deciding on outcomes of any incidents. Parents are expected to fully support any decision made by the school;
- Remind your child that they are the school's responsibility during the school day. This includes travelling to and from school when using school transport;
- Always report to us any concerns about your child's well-being and work with the school to resolve matters satisfactorily;
- Please familiarise your self with our Policy for Medicines in School and ensure all medicines arrive at school via the School Office;
- We encourage our pupils to take part in active play during breaktimes as well as in designated lessons. From time to time, children have trips and falls when climbing and running. This is a natural part of school life, though we will always follow up on accidents to investigate whether any adjustment can be made to prevent re-occurrence;
- Whilst we have designated First Aiders on site, please ensure all contact information is up-to-date such as we always have a point of contact. If you know you will be unavailable at a particular time, always arrange for an alternate contact to be available;
- Encourage healthy eating and if providing snacks or packed lunches, please provide accordingly; nb our school is a 'nut-free' site;

Inclusion

We believe we are very fortunate to live in a society rich in different cultures, ethnic backgrounds, skin colours and religions. The school aims to promote positive attitudes to gender equality, cultural diversity and special needs of all kinds. We aim to educate, develop and prepare all our children for life. Prejudice and discrimination on the basis of colour, culture, origin, gender or ability is unacceptable. The school is committed to working towards equality of access, provision and treatment for all staff and pupils, regardless of race, culture, language, nationality, religion and other differences. We acknowledge the complexity of British society and recognise that it would be failing the children if it did not prepare them for their integral part in it. We aim to help our children make the most effective use of their talents, both for the benefit of others and to achieve self-fulfilment.

We request parents, carers and families full support in supporting all aspects of diversity and inclusion.

Lessons & Learning

- Please take an active interest in your child's school and homework;
- Use the Curriculum Information on our website, and issued by your child's class teacher, which also give excellent ideas for extension activities;
- Please give your child an opportunity to talk through their learning at home; this is an excellent way to consolidate what they are doing in school. If you or your child have any concerns please liaise with your child's class teacher in the first instance;
- Please attend all Parents' Evenings and other relevant school information events.

Home Learning

- Home Learning, daily reading and maths practise are crucial in supporting and extending your child's learning. Listen to your child reading and let them see that you enjoy reading too – reading books with your child is a great way to show this;
- Please use your child's Planner to check on and keep track of all work set;
- Please help your child keep to deadlines and complete home learning to the best of their ability;
- Please help your child by providing a suitable, distraction free environment for home-learning along with the appropriate materials (if you feel that you will struggle to do this financially, we will happily discuss this with you in confidence and look to support where we can).

School Community

- Please get involved in our PTA, the Friends of Riverside, and their events;
- Please encourage your child to participate in the school's extracurricular programme;
- Please take note of the School Social Media statements and if you have any concerns or issues come and talk to us directly.