

## Dorchester Middle School Home School Agreement

### At Dorchester Middle School, we will:

- Respect and value each student as an individual within the school community.
- Provide a safe, secure and happy environment, where students feel cared for.
- Within a broad and balanced curriculum, provide students with a high standard of education, following the National Curriculum.
- Ensure that effective teaching and learning takes place to meet the individual needs of all students.
- Provide a rich and exciting extended curriculum and a range of extra-curricular activities, which will reinforce skills and develop and sustain a love of learning for life.
- Ensure that the learning environment is stimulating and challenging.
- Ensure homework is relevant and set in line with school policy.
- Foster a sense of pride and happiness through caring relationships, where the success of all is celebrated.
- Teach our students to develop a positive attitude towards one another, regardless of differences in gender, ethnicity, culture, belief, values, age and need.
- Encourage students to become active members of our community and help them to see that they can have an impact on the world around them.
- Set clear expectations of our students with regard to their behaviour.
- Meet with parents to communicate the progress and development of students.
- Listen and act upon your concerns quickly and effectively.

### Parents / Carers will:

- Ensure that their child attends school each day, on time, correctly dressed in school uniform and properly equipped.
- Inform the school every day of a student's absence.
- Ensure that all holidays are taken during school holiday time and understand that, by law, we are unable to grant requests for leave of absence during term time.
- Support home learning tasks and attend consultation meetings.
- Let the school know of any concerns or worries that may affect their child's learning, well-being and happiness.
- Support the school's efforts to ensure that behaviour and attitude to learning are positive, encouraging the highest possible achievement.
- Read all information sent home as this gives important details of relevant policies, meetings, workshops, activities, newsletters and open days, e.t.c.
- Monitor reading and the recording, quality and completion of homework by signing your child's school diary every week.
- Inform the school of any change in home circumstances which may affect your child's learning.
- Inform the school promptly of any change of home contact details.
- Inform the school promptly of any changes to your child's medical needs.
- Ensure that all communication with the school is undertaken in a respectful manner.
- Respect the school, staff and students when using social media.
- When parking around the school community, ensure safe and clear access for other vehicles, including emergency vehicles.

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### Students:

- I will attend school and lessons every day and on time, properly equipped and wearing the correct uniform.
- I will actively engage with my learning, respond to teachers' feedback and seek out opportunities to extend my learning.
- I will do all my classwork and homework on time and to the very best of my ability.
- I will treat others in the way I would wish to be treated myself: respecting other students' differences including, gender, culture, race, feelings, beliefs, values and needs.
- I will show respect for the school environment by being safe and keeping the environment clean and tidy.
- I will listen to and follow instructions from all staff straight away and accept responsibility for the things that I do.
- I will behave in a way that shows I am proud to be member of Dorchester Middle School, both inside and outside school and when using social media.
- I will tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy.

Parent / Carer Signature/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_