

"To go further than we thought,
To run faster than we hoped,
To reach higher than we dreamed,
To become the best we are able to be."

Home, School and Learner Agreement

At Helmshore School we aim, in partnership with parents and guardians, to provide a high-quality learning environment to help all children realise their full potential, intellectually, physically and socially. Our specific aims are to help children:

- To enjoy learning and to become independent, self-disciplined, and self-motivated and to achieve the highest standards of which they are capable.
- To develop lively, enquiring, imaginative and creative minds, the confidence to question, and the ability to argue rationally.
- To acquire the knowledge, skills, and relevant training to prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- To develop, recognise and value a sense of right and wrong and to understand the society in which they live and recognise their obligations towards it.
- To experience a rich, broad and balanced curriculum, matched to individual need and enhanced by a wealth of high-quality first-hand learning experiences.
- To develop spiritually, morally and socially and to gain an understanding of other beliefs and cultures.

. . . . whatever their faith, age, race, sexual orientation, gender or disability







The responsibility of the School:

The School will:

- Provide a secure, happy and stimulating learning environment.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum which challenges your child to reach their potential and fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- Help each child to become increasingly independent, confident and competent, and develop in them the skills and attitudes which can help them to become active members of a modern society.
- Foster in the children an understanding of tolerance and respect for themselves and others.
- Challenge your child to strive for the highest standards of personal, social and intellectual development.
- Teach personal, social and health education, thereby preparing children to live and work in the wider community.
- Provide equal opportunities for all pupils to reach their full potential.
- Set homework in accordance with the school's homework policy.
- Keep you informed about your child's progress and behaviour.
- Discuss, in confidence with parents, any concerns there might be about their child.
- Communicate effectively using newsletters and the school's website to update parents on matters relating to school.
- Provide information relating to the curriculum and the work undertaken with children.
- Allow children safe and secure use of the internet through a combination of site filtering, supervision and by fostering a responsible attitude in all pupils, in partnership with parents.

The responsibility of the Parents and Carers:

We will:

- Support the school's policies on learning, behaviour and uniform both in school and at home.
- Ensure children arrive at the specified start time for their year group, prepared to start their lessons and inform the school if the child is going to be absent, and give a reason.
- Ensure that children attend regularly and that their attendance is 96% or above.
- Ensure that our children are collected punctually at the end of the school day.
- Ensure that named, appropriate clothing and footwear is worn for school at all times and hair styles are in-keeping with the ethos of the school.
- Ensure that my child does not wear nail polish, jewellery or bring toys, mobile phones, or gadgets to school.
- Support the school by encouraging my child to develop a positive attitude towards our diverse, multi-cultural community.
- Maintain an interest in the child's work and ensure completion of any homework set.
- Encourage the child to do his/her best and praise his/her achievements.
- Attend meetings with my child's teacher and other staff, aiming to be positive and productive, working towards moving my child on in their learning.
- Inform the school if we have any concerns or worries that may be affecting my child's learning, behaviour, or ability to do homework so that this can be resolved quickly.
- We will support the school in the teaching of safe and secure Internet use at home.

The responsibility of the Child:

- I will accept responsibility for the things that I do.
- I will take good care of the school building, equipment, and the school grounds.
- I will respect other children's culture, race feelings, beliefs, and values.
- I will work hard and to the best of my ability.
- I will be polite and treat other people with care and respect.
- I will arrive at school on time and attend regularly.
- I will be responsible for my school and homework.
- I will behave in a safe way.
- I will tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy.

Together we will:

Adopt these principles to become the best we are able to be.

We would be grateful if you could discuss the contents of this agreement with your child helping them to understand the importance of their contribution to this partnership.

Please acknowledge this by signing the online consent and agreement proforma provided in the attached email.