

Farthinghoe Community Primary School

Home School Agreement 2019-2020



Our school vision is:-

Farthinghoe School...where all children are valued and given the opportunity to thrive.

We are...

A Community

Unique

Caring

Resilient and able to grasp every opportunity to learn.

The school, with the support of parents/carers, has a responsibility to ensure that by working together each child achieves his/her potential.

We ask each parent/carer to sign-up to the ideals of the Home School Agreement, outlined below.

The School will:

- Care for your child's safety and happiness, ensuring that your child fulfils their potential as a valued member of the school community.
- Provide a creative and balanced curriculum to meet each child's needs.
- Be open and welcoming, offering opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in the life of the school and keep you informed about school events and matters.
- Contact parents/carers if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality or damage to school equipment.
- Let parents/carers know about any concerns or problems that affect their child's work or behaviour and give regular updates on progress through parents' evenings and reports.
- Where possible, be available to discuss any ideas, concerns or issues you might have on an informal basis, without the need to make an appointment.
- Set a variety of homework tasks to extend the curriculum and provide the opportunity for independent learning.

Parents/carers will:

- See that their child attends school every day, arriving between 8.45am and 8.55am, not leaving before the end of the school day at 3.15pm and is properly equipped and is dressed in school uniform (see page 2).
- Contact the school before 9.15am if their child is going to be absent that day. The school's attendance policy forms an integral part of the Home School Agreement and by signing the Home School Agreement parents/carers agree to ensure that their child attends school in accordance with the policy.
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect their child's work or behaviour and will support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- Support their child in homework and other opportunities for home learning.
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions about their child's progress, getting to know about their child's school life.

- Ensure that their child does not bring unnecessary toys or electrical equipment, including mobile phones, in to school.
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments for their child during school hours.
- Adhere to the internet usage code of conduct as detailed in this agreement.

Pupils will:

- Treat other people as they would like to be treated.
- Tell a member of staff if they are worried or unhappy.
- Try their best in all that they do.
- Respect other pupils' culture, race, feelings, beliefs and values.
- Be responsible, kind, polite and helpful.
- Take good care of the building, equipment and school grounds.

The School Day

8.45am	Children can begin to arrive. Children must not be left at school (either inside or outside the school gates) before 8.45am. Children to go straight to class - a member of staff will be on duty to welcome the children in to school from 8.45am.
8.55am	Registration and the school day begins.
10.45am	Morning Break (15mins)
12pm	Lunch Any pupils going home for lunch should be back at school for 12.55pm at the latest
1.00pm	Registration and afternoon lessons
Afternoon	Key Stage 1 take a break as fits with lessons
3.15pm	School finishes, children are collected from the playground.

We will assume that children are being collected by their parents or carers. Please let your child's teacher or the school office know if your child is going home with somebody else.

School Uniform

Winter

All:	Royal blue sweatshirt / sweat cardigan (plain or with the school logo) White or blue shirt / polo shirt (plain or with the school logo) Grey or black trousers / skirt
Boys:	Plain grey or black socks
Girls:	Plain grey or white tights / socks

Whilst children may arrive at school in boots (either Wellington boots or leather/fashion boots), we request that they bring a pair of school shoes to wear during the school day. This ensures that each child's clothing is suitable for every session.

Winter coats and hats should be warm, weather proof and suitable for school. We do request that hats with tassels of any kind attached (including '3 in 1' hats with scarf and mittens/gloves) are not worn to school as they are a health and safety risk for children when in the playground.

Summer

Boys: Grey or Black shorts / trousers
White or blue shirt / polo shirt (plain or with the school logo)

Girls: Royal blue and white checked or striped dresses.
Girls can also wear uniform as specified in the boys section.

To avoid injury, children should always wear shoes that cover the majority of their feet. As such sandals and other strapped footwear should not be worn to school.

P.E. Kit:

Indoor P.E: Royal blue t-shirt (plain or with the school logo)
Black sports shorts
Plimsoles or clean trainers

Outdoor P.E: As above, plus a pair of black, navy or dark grey jogging bottoms/tracksuit bottoms and a spare school jumper.

All items of school uniform must be clearly named.

Hair

For safety reasons we ask that all pupils with long hair (girl or boy) wear it tied back for school. Where we feel that long hair could present a danger or a distraction to a child and it is not tied back, they will be asked to tie it back and if necessary given an elastic band in order to be able to do so.

Hairbands should be simple and predominately royal blue in colour. Large bows of any colour should not be worn.

Earrings

Earrings present a health and safety risk during P.E. sessions. As such we request that children remove earrings for P.E. or do not wear earrings on P.E. days. We suggest that ears are pierced during the first week of the school summer holiday so that children are able to remove earrings upon their return to school. Health and Safety advice means that we are not able to put tape or plasters on ears. Any child who comes to school with earrings on and is unable to remove them will not be able to participate in P.E. This is in order to assure each child's safety.

Earrings should be a gold or silver stud and easy to remove.

Contact Details

We need to ensure that the contact details that we hold for each child are always correct. It is essential that we are able to make contact with parents/carers in an emergency. Please advise the school office immediately of any change in contact, medical or personal details for your child.

A Healthy School

At Farthinghoe Primary School we are keen to ensure that your child adopts a healthy lifestyle. All children receive 2 sessions of P.E. per week. This includes swimming lessons once a week for 3 terms for children in Years 3 – 6.

P.E. lessons, including swimming lessons, form part of the National Curriculum and are therefore compulsory for your child to take part in. A child will only be excused from taking part in P.E. lessons if they have an injury that precludes them from doing any physical activity.

All children are offered a piece of fresh fruit each day and have water bottles which they can access during each lesson.

In addition, all parents/carers are encouraged to provide a healthy, balanced lunch for their child. We strongly discourage fizzy and sugary drinks, sweets and chocolate bars in packed lunches.

We are a 'nut-free' school so children should not bring any food in to school that contains nuts.

Photographs and Filming

Prior to any school event we shall advise parents/carers whether photographs and film may be taken. Any photographic images taken by family and friends at school events should be for personal use only and must not be posted on any social networking sites.

School trips

Rather than completing a medical form for each visit or club for each child we ask all parents/carers to complete a medical form which we will use throughout the school year. The form will be held in school and taken to each visit or club. Any change in medical condition will require a new form to be completed by the parents/carers.

Prior to each school trip or club we will request that you complete a permission slip to confirm your agreement to your child's attendance. At this time you will also be reminded to request a new medical form should your child's health needs have changed.

The Internet

Part of the curriculum includes use of the internet. This is a copy of our internet code of conduct for pupils: we would be grateful if you would discuss this with your child and complete the attached form confirming that you give permission for them to use the internet and that they agree to the code of conduct.

This code of conduct applies at all times, in and out of school hours, whilst using school equipment.

If your parents have given you permission to have access to the internet in school and have signed and returned the permission form, internet access will be provided for you to conduct research and communicate with others, but only on the understanding that you agree to follow this code.

You should:

- only access sites that are appropriate for use in school. This also applies outside of lesson time.
- be aware that your actions on the internet can be seen by others.
- be careful of what you say to others and how you say it. *Never give your home address, telephone number or any personal information, about yourself or others, to any strangers you write to or talk with on the Internet.*
- treat others as they would expect to be treated, e.g. *show respect and be polite.*
- respect copyright and trademarks. You cannot use the words or pictures that you see on an internet site without giving credit to the person who owns the site. You must not copy text or pictures from the internet and hand it in to your teacher as your own work.

Always check with your teacher before:

sending e-mail
opening e-mail attachments
downloading files and pictures.

Please remember that:

Your work on the Internet will be closely monitored at all times by your teacher. Using the Internet at our school is a privilege which could be lost if not used properly.

Code of Conduct for Internet Usage – Be Responsible and Respectful

The following applies to Farthinghoe Primary School pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community.

- Users should be conscious at all times of the need to keep their personal and professional/school lives separate. They should not put themselves in a position where there is a conflict between the school and their personal interests;
- Users should not engage in activities involving social media or the internet which might bring Farthinghoe Primary School into disrepute;
- Users should not represent their personal views as those of Farthinghoe Primary School on any social medium;
- Users should not discuss personal information about Farthinghoe Primary School pupils (past or present), Farthinghoe Primary School and the wider community they interact with on any social media;
- Users should not use social media and the internet in any way to attack, insult, abuse or defame pupils and/or staff, their family members, other professionals, other organisations or Farthinghoe Primary School.

We do request that all stakeholders (pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community) adhere to the above.

Please retain the Home School Agreement and sign and return this form to school.

Name of child/ren: _____

I agree to support Farthinghoe Primary School in the education of all of its children by undertaking the responsibilities and actions expected of parents/carers as outlined in the 2019/2020 Home School Agreement.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMING

At Farthinghoe Primary School, we often film and take photographs of pupils. We use these in the school's newsletter, to show evidence of a pupil's achievements and progress, on the school's website and on display boards around school. Occasionally photographs are shared with local news media as well.

We would like your consent to film and take photos of your child, and use them in the ways described above. If you're not happy for us to do this, we will accommodate your preferences.

Please tick the relevant box(es) below and return this form to school.

I am happy for the school to film / take photographs of my child.

I am happy for photos/film of my child to be used on the school website.

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in the school newsletter.

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in the school prospectus.

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in internal displays in school.

I am happy for photos of my child to be used in local news media.

I am **NOT** happy for the school to take or use photos/video of my child.

If you change your mind at any time, you can let us know by emailing the school office on bursar@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

LOCAL TRIPS IN FARTHINGHOE VILLAGE

From time to time we like to organise occasional, short walks around the village as part of the curriculum, such as History, Art or Geography, as well as our regular walks to the Village Hall and the Playing Field for P.E. lessons. These walks are always well supervised and controlled.

Rather than completing a permission slip for each of these local visits we ask that you give your permission at this stage. Please sign and return the slip attached.

Local Trips within Farthinghoe Village

I understand that my child/ren will, as part of the curriculum, undertake walks around Farthinghoe village during the 2019/2020 academic year.

Name of child/ren: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

FOOD TASTING

In order to reinforce aspects of PSHE, Science and other subjects we often ask children to sample different types of food. In such cases we always check our records to ensure that any allergies are checked and religious beliefs observed.

Please sign the attached slip confirming that you will advise school of any special dietary requirements of your child.

Food Tasting

I understand that my child will be involved in tasting sessions throughout the year and know that I will need to inform the school of any special dietary requirements and should their dietary status change.

Name of child/ren: _____

Details of any special dietary requirements:

Signed: _____

Date: _____