

SCHOOL AIMS

The core purpose that we have at Heathside School is:

To have the needs of our children first and foremost in our thoughts and actions at all times.

We strive to achieve this core purpose through the following aims:

1. To provide a whole curriculum which meets childrens' individual needs.
2. To enable children to have fun whilst learning and to celebrate all aspects of their achievements.
3. To provide children with equal opportunities to develop and maintain the life skills that are essential for independent living.
4. To develop curiosity and confidence within each child.
5. To promote a safe environment in which pupils feel happy, relaxed and valued in line with Heathside's Children's Charter.
6. To work in partnership with parents, carers, professionals and the wider community.
7. To promote a supportive environment for parents, carers and families.
8. To ensure that all staff are equipped to meet the demands placed on them through effective initial training, induction and continuing professional development.
9. To encourage a greater understanding of the needs and rights of our children within society.
10. To ensure effective communication is promoted and happens between all people involved with the children.

CORE VALUES

Central to our aims are the following values:

- Concern for others
- Self-respect
- Honesty
- Fairness
- Politeness

These values are clearly identified in the Children's Charter which states that every child at Heathside School has the right to be:

- Safe
- Valued as an individual
- Treated with respect and dignity
- Educated and cared for as a child first.

In addition to this the school will try to ensure that pupils:

- Have access to a whole curriculum, including the National Curriculum, appropriate to their individual needs.
- Have Individual Educational Plans in place.
- Have an annual review of their Statement of Special Educational Needs.

General Complaints Procedure

All parents and carers have a right to have any complaints properly considered, although this will not always mean that a complaint will be upheld. Any parent or carer who wishes to make a formal complaint can do so within the procedures that the Governing Body has put in place. Further information about the General Complaints procedure can be obtained from the school.

Please sign this copy of the agreement, cut it out and return it to school. The remainder of the leaflet is your copy of the Home-School

AGREEMENT

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- Ensure that pupils have access to a curriculum appropriate to their individual needs.
- Draw up and share with parents/carers an Individual Education Plan.
- Organise an annual review of the Statement on Special Educational Needs.
- Arrange Open Evenings during which progress will be discussed.
- Maintain good communication with parents/carers.
- Keep parents/carers informed about school activities through regular newsletters, letters and notices about special events.
- Send home an annual report of progress at the end of each school year.
- Be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for parents and carers to become involved in the daily life of the school.

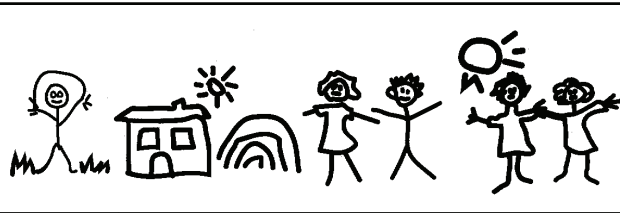
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- Notify school of any absence and the reason for it.
- Maintain good communication with the school.
- Let school know about any concerns or problems that might affect their child's ability to work or behave.

The Pupil will try to:

- Work to the best of his/her ability as much as is possible.
- Behave and respond in acceptable ways.

“CHILDREN



HEATHSIDE SCHOOL

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Pupil's name: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____

Signature of Headteacher: _____

Date: _____

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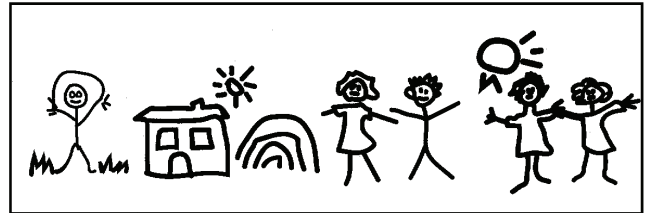
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