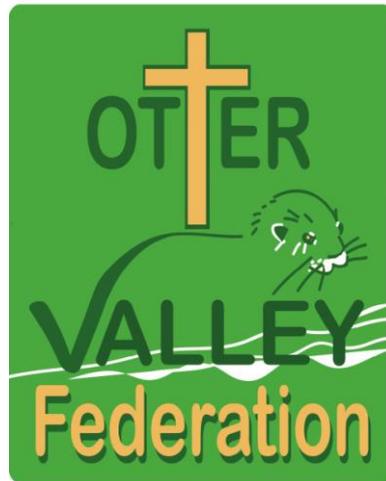


**Believing and achieving together to be
the best we can be**



***We aim to reflect God's love, "always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres"
1 Corinthians 13:7***

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Policy dated 25th November 2012

This Policy was adopted by:

**The Governing Body of The Otter Valley Federation
at the Learning & Teaching Committee meeting on 20th June 2016**

Next annual review: Summer 2017

Important – please read, sign and return to school

As a Church of England School we aim to treat every pupil as unique in the sight of God; to create an atmosphere of serving Christ in others; and to provide a Christian environment for every pupil.

We believe that it is important that each child is given the opportunity to develop to his/her full potential achieving this by doing their best with the active support and encouragement of teachers and those at home.

We endeavour to work closely in partnership with parents and guardians to help children develop the joy of learning through success. Governors of the school request that parents and pupils of an appropriate age read & sign this Agreement annually, indicating their support for the partnership.

School will:

- 1. Ensure your child's physical and social well being at all times, and will aim to foster feelings of confidence, self-worth and belonging.**
- 2. Encourage children to do their best at all times and take care of their surroundings and others around them;**
- 3. Have a positive behaviour policy and not tolerate bullying;**
- 4. Provide prompt & regular information about attainment, progress, next steps & behaviour that may be a cause for celebration or concern;**
- 5. Teachers and parents to share targets set for the child and celebrate children's success;**
- 6. To actively welcome parents/carers into the life of the school and to ensure that teaching staff are always available, by mutual agreement, to discuss any concerns you might have about your child's progress or general well-being;**
- 7. Inform parents about school activities in the form of regular newsletters & meetings as well as information about what the children will be taught each term;**
- 8. Seek to provide a balanced and carefully planned curriculum with wide opportunities for all pupils, in a safe environment;**
- 9. Safeguard children from inappropriate computer material and ensure safe use of the internet.**

Home will:

- 1. Encourage your child's good behaviour and support the school's Christian vision & values;**
- 2. Promote the value of good education and the importance of regular school attendance at home. Encourage and support their children's aspirations. It is vital that the child receives the same message at home as they do at school about the importance of attendance**
- 3. Do not take your children out of school for holidays during term time. If parents would like to make a request for an absence from school for your child or children this must be done in advance of the absence and in writing. The Absence Request Form is available from the school office. Please note permission can only be given in exceptional circumstances.**
- 4. Foster a positive attitude towards education and the school and use discretion when discussing issues or grievances in front of your child, as these may have a negative effect on their outlook;**
- 5. Ensure that my child attends school regularly, is punctual and that absences are properly notified by contacting the school office before 9.30 am. To arrive no later than 8.55 am for a 9.00 am start.**

6. Ensure your child is tidy, wearing correct school uniform and is properly equipped;
7. Attend parents' consultations and discussions about your child's progress;
8. Ensure there is a quiet place available and support the school's homework policy by always signing homework and taking an active interest to complete homework on time.
9. Encourage other opportunities for home learning, (e.g. clubs, cooking, telling the time, stories, day trips) and monitor safe use of the internet;
10. Let the school know of any concerns that may affect your child's behaviour or work at school;
11. Support the school and PTA in fundraising and other activities.
12. Attend parent workshops and other events aimed at informing parents about learning, whenever possible and as relevant to the needs and age of your child.
13. Safeguard children from inappropriate computer material and ensure safe use of the internet.

Child will:

1. Keep the school rules: a. Treat others the way you like to be treated; b. Follow instructions the first time; c. Always try your best;
2. Be friendly, helpful and polite;
3. Tell a member of staff if they are worried or unhappy and respect the teacher's decision;
4. Do homework and school work as well as they can;
5. Take home all school letters.
6. Safeguard themselves and others from inappropriate computer material and use the internet safely.

Together we will:

1. Value one another as partners (children, parents & teachers), understanding each other's responsibilities and working together towards the same goals;
2. Listen and support each other in our aim to provide the best education for all children;
3. Encourage self discipline, good behaviour and respect for others.

Parent's / Carer's Signature Date

Child's Signature Date



Executive Head's Signature:

Date: 1st September 2016