Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

Federation Headteacher: Miss Z J Linington

The Edward Peake Home-School Agreement

'Live, Love, Learn'

At Edward Peake, we recognise each child as an individual, and aim to give all children every opportunity to realise their full potential. We believe that a close partnership between the school, parents and the child is essential if we are to achieve this aim. We therefore ask all parents/carers and children to sign up to our Home-School Agreement in our pupil planners at the beginning of each school year.

The Responsibilities of the School

At Edward Peake we will:
- Provide a secure, happy and stimulating learning environment where Christian faith leads our way.
- Encourage, praise and positively reinforce good relationships, behaviours, work and progress.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum which challenges your child to reach their potential and fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- Encourage your child to show friendship and respect for others and to abide by the school behaviour policy, ensuring a safe, caring environment for all.
- Keep you informed about your child's progress and behaviour, as well as their termly curriculum and share our work on Christian values with you in regular newsletters.
- Encourage all pupils to take responsibility for their own actions, feel proud of their achievements and enjoy being a pupil at Edward Peake.
- Encourage aspirational ambitions and expose children to the opportunities, experiences and responsibilities of adult life.
- Set homework as appropriate for your child.
- Make you feel welcome whenever you visit the school and respond to your questions or concerns as quickly as possible.
- 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 Responsibilities of Parents and Carers

All parents/carers will:
- Having chosen Edward Peake School for your child, work in partnership with staff to support the school's aims and Christian values.
- Ensure that your child attends school punctually every day during term time, unless there is a good reason for absence (e.g. illness).
- Notify the school by telephone on the first day of absence and every morning of a continuing absence and follow up with a letter of explanation on return.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines on learning, behaviour and uniform, both in School and at home and encourage your child to follow the school's rules on bringing mobile phones into school.

➢ Attend parent/teacher meetings to discuss your child's progress.
➢ Support your child with homework that is set, including reading and Maths learning homework.
➢ Keep us informed of where to contact you in case of emergency.
➢ Promptly inform your child's form teacher of any concerns or problems that may affect your child's learning, behaviour or happiness at school.
➢ Support school in the teaching of safe and secure Internet use at home.

The Responsibility of the Child

I will try my best to:
● Attend punctually every day unless unwell.
● Wear the correct uniform and bring the correct equipment each day.
● Help other pupils by allowing every teacher to teach and every learner to learn.
● Take growing responsibility for my own learning and behaviour, in and out of class, following the school behaviour plan.
● Respect and care for others and their property (including school property).
● Pass on all letters, notes and reports to parents on the day they are issued, and discuss any issues in school.
• Do all classwork and homework as well as I can, asking questions when I don't understand.
• Live the Christian values at school and at home.
• Use the Internet safely as I have been taught in class.
• Hand my mobile phone into the school office, in a named envelope, if I need to bring it into school.

Agreement on the use of Network, Internet and e-mail in school

As part of the school's digital network and virtual learning environment, pupils access the **Internet** and e-mail. Although **Internet** use is supervised and filtered within our school, families should be aware that some pupils may find ways to access material that is inaccurate, defamatory, illegal, or potentially offensive to some people. As with any other area, parents and carers of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources at home.

The school encourages use by pupils of digital technology including the rich information resources available on the internet, together with the development of appropriate skills to analyse and evaluate such resources. These skills will be fundamental in the society our pupils will be entering. However, the school also recognises that it has a responsibility to do as much as it can to protect children using its facilities from undesirable materials. To this end, the school has developed a set of guidelines within its 'Acceptable Use Policy' for network and internet use by pupils.

These rules will be made clear to all pupils and their Parents/Carers, and kept under constant review. All members of staff are responsible for explaining the rules and their implications, and are aware of possible misuses of on-line access and their responsibilities towards pupils. We therefore ask pupils, parents and carers to agree and sign the 'Acceptable Use Policy' at regular intervals.

Pupil guidelines for internet use

• Pupils are responsible for good behaviour on digital devices just as they are in a classroom or in the school corridor. General school rules apply.

• The internet is provided for pupils to conduct research and communicate with others. Remember that access is a privilege, not a right and that access requires responsibility.

- Individual users of the internet are responsible for their behaviour and communications over the network. It is presumed that users will comply with school standards and will honour the agreements they have signed.

- Staff may review files and communications to ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Children should not expect that files stored on servers or hard disks will always be private.

In school, staff will guide pupils towards safe and appropriate use of online content and applications. Outside of school, families bear responsibility for such guidance as they also exercise with information sources such as television, telephones, movies, radio and other potentially offensive media.

The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures.
- Using obscene language, harassing, insulting or attacking others.
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks.
- Violating copyright laws.
- Using others' passwords, trespassing in others' folders, work or files.
- Intentionally wasting limited resources.
- Downloading or installing any software or applications.
- Using unauthorised internet ready devices such as mobile phones or tablets.

Additionally
- Pupils are monitored at all times using Impero Network filtering software.
- Violations of these rules may result in a temporary or permanent ban on internet and/or network use. Additional disciplinary action may be taken on inappropriate language or behaviour. When applicable, police or other authorities may be involved.

Signed _____

Chair of Governors

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