



Every great journey begins with a single step. As we move forward, we develop the confidence to make the right choices and work hard to achieve our goals. We will respect each other regardless of gender, race or background. At Orchard Academy, we break through the barriers of cloud in order to reach the stars, knowing that our lessons come from the journey, not the destination.

Enjoy the journey. Enjoy success. Together, we will achieve!

We believe that children achieve more when home and school work together. When adults make decisions they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

Home/School Agreement Rights and Responsibilities

As a parent/carer, I will work as hard as I can to carry out my responsibilities so that the rights of my child are fully met and so that my child can achieve their full potential. I will:

- Develop a good relationship with the school so we can all work together in the best interests of my child.
- Immerse my child fully in the diverse curriculum of the school and in turn show a respect for all cultures.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for encouraging good behaviour and respect for each other and the school property.
- Support my child's learning at home, including overseeing any reading (5 a week), homework or tasks set by teachers.
- Make sure that my child comes to school **at least** 95% of the time so they do not have any gaps in their learning.
- Make sure that my child is on time for school and on the playground at 8:30am, so they have a good start to the day and do not miss any phonics sessions. (early morning work starts at 8:40am)
- Let the school know if my child is going to be absent and the reason for the absence.
- Let the school know in advance who is picking up my child if it is not me.
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Read all letters and communication from the school.
- Attend parent's consultations, family learning and other discussions about my child's progress so we can work in partnership in developing my child's learning.
- Ensure that my child has breakfast and a healthy packed lunch if they do not have a school meal.
- Ensure that my child always wears the correct school uniform and that it is appropriate for the time of year.
- Make sure that the office is informed of any changes to contact details including any change of address.

Orchard Academy will work as hard as we can to carry out our responsibilities so that the rights of your child are fully met and they can achieve their full potential. We will:

- Provide a balanced, rich curriculum taught by excellent staff.
- Ensure that the learning experience offered is as high quality as it can be.
- Provide excellent care and guidance so that your child feels safe and secure.
- Meet and recognise the individual needs of your child so that they can fulfil their potential.
- Treat both you and your child with respect.
- Make the school as accessible as it can be to you so it is easy for you to engage with us.
- Let you know in a confidential manner if there are any concerns that may affect your child's learning or behaviour.
- Contact you if there are attendance or punctuality issues.
- Provide as much information as we can about your child's attainment at Parent Consultation days and in their annual report and by having an open door policy.
- Keep parents/carers informed about the life of the school through weekly bulletins, notice boards, letters and informational posts on the website.
- Provide regular events in which to share in your child's learning
- Promote and model good relationships, a sense of responsibility and positive self-esteem.
- Deal with any issues promptly.
- Recognise and celebrate your child's achievements
- Develop the school so it is as good as it can be.