



Parent Handbook

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Pilgrims School
The Harpur Trust Pre Prep
...Inspires each child to love learning



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Throughout this handbook, policies will look like this... [*I'm a policy.*](#)



An Introduction to Pilgrims School

A message from our Headteacher

Dear parents,

I hope you find the information included in this handbook helpful.

At Pilgrims, we strive to foster mutual trust and understanding between school and home. Parents are always welcome in the school whether it is to discuss your child's progress with a member of staff, offering help in the classroom or supporting Pilgrims Parents.

Each year the school endeavours to raise funds to support a local charity and also participates in several wider known charities. Local charities we have supported over the years include:



Mrs Webster
(& Jake)



In support our pastoral provision, we continue to support the Making Me Charity whose aim is to promote and encourage the improved mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people. Throughout the year we will also join in with national sponsored events such as Jeans for Genes Day, Children in Need, Red Nose Day and World Down's Syndrome Day and have different fundraising events to support other charities.

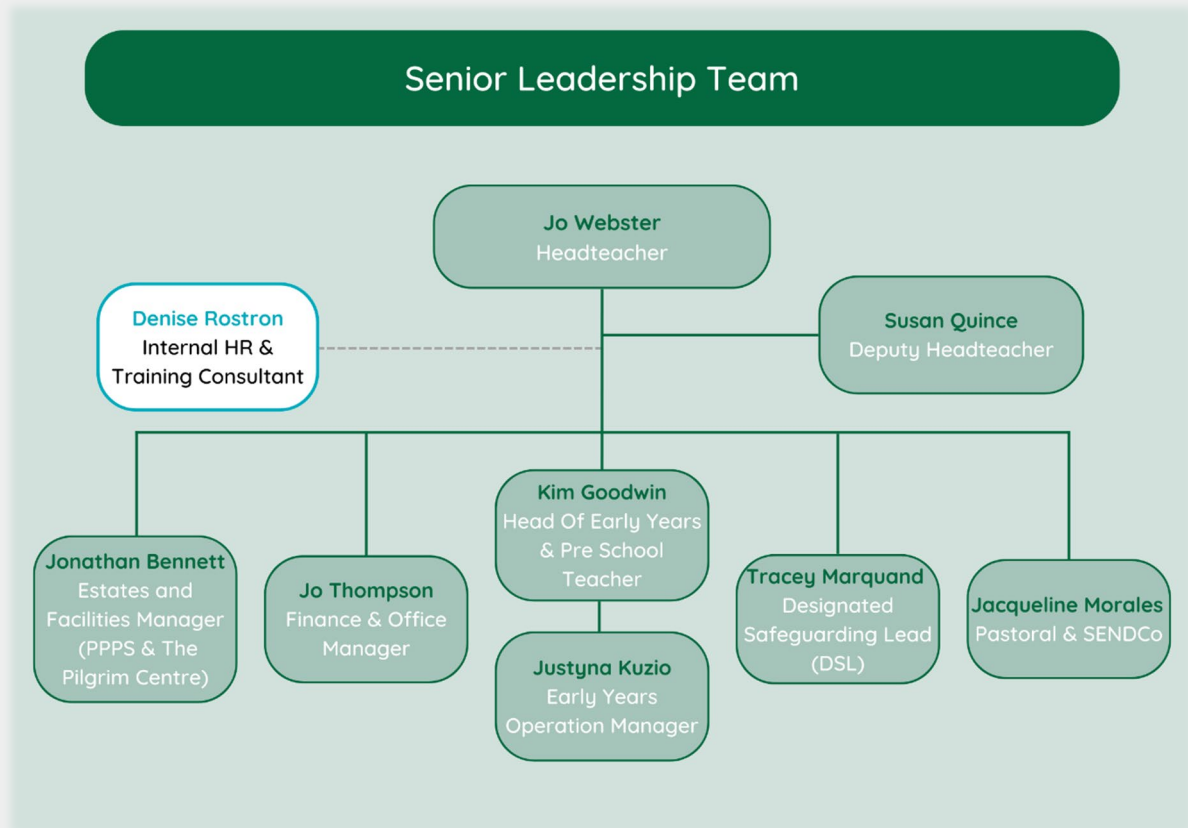
Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any further questions or suggestions.

Mrs Jo Webster

Headteacher

The Pilgrims Team

At Pilgrims School, we work together to provide an outstanding level of care and education for your child. Below is our Senior Leadership Team (SLT); you can find details of the wider [team structures](#) on our website.



Meet the Governors

A committee of volunteers (consisting of [governors](#) who are either Trustees of the Harpur Trust or have been co-opted onto the committee by the school) manages Pilgrims School. You can contact the school committee via the office. The members are as follows:

Strategic Plan and School Priorities

Our Vision, Mission and Aims

Our vision is to inspire each child to love learning, within a happy and secure environment. Through a creative and innovative curriculum, we aim to establish a solid foundation for future academic, social, physical and emotional achievements. Curiosity, kindness and respect for others are values that lie at the heart of our school.

To find out more about them, visit the [Our Ethos](#) page on our website.

[Pilgrims school values and expectations](#) define the behaviours we expect from the whole school community. We embed these in all we do: inside and outside the classrooms.

Home/School Agreement

Our Home/School Agreement (HSA) is a partnership between the school, parents and the children. It outlines the school's responsibility towards the children, the parent's responsibility toward the school and what the school expects of the children. This is issued as part of your child's enrolment to Pilgrims. We have one HSA to cover Little Pilgrims, Kindergarten and Pre School and another which covers Main School (Reception to Year Two). Please see copies of the HSA's for [Little Pilgrims, Kindergarten & Pre School](#) and [Main School](#) in the appendices of this handbook.

Behaviour

We ask parents to work with us to promote and encourage appropriate behaviour, inside and outside school. We encourage good, respectful behaviour in line with our school values; that does not disrupt the learning opportunities of others and does not hurt or interfere with their safety. Clear boundaries and firm consequences are two of the key features of our approach. To support this, we use the 123-magic programme. Mrs Morales, our SEND and Pastoral Coordinator works alongside the school nurse, Mrs Garbould, to offer support and guidance where necessary.



Rewards

- Praise
- Praise from other adults
- Stickers or smiley faces
- Positive comments to parents
- House point token
- "Golden Time" (whole class recognition)
- Visiting the Headteacher or Deputy Head



Consequences

- 123 Magic Warnings
Once 3 is reached...
- Time out/ Time out alternative
Time Out ALTERNATIVES:
 - Longer time out
 - Remove to another class
 - Sending a child to Headteacher or Deputy Head



Once a '3' is reached, parents are informed

Pastoral Care

Should you or your child have any concerns, contact your child's key person or class teacher. Should you need further support, contact Mrs Morales or Mrs Garbould (see below).



Mrs Jacqueline Morales
Pastoral & SEND Coordinator



Mrs Zoë Garbould
School Nurse

You can also read our policies for [Anti-Bullying](#), [Behaviour & Assertive Discipline](#), [Fundamental British Values](#) and our [Inclusion Statement](#) on our website.

Growth Mindset and Rewards

Building Learning Powers and Growth Mindset

Throughout the school we promote a Growth Mindset: a simple definition is the belief that intelligence and skill can be improved with effort and persistence. Alongside this, we also use Building Learning Powers to help the children develop habits and skills to become better learners. We have created our own four superhero dolls and stickers to help promote the four areas and characteristics:

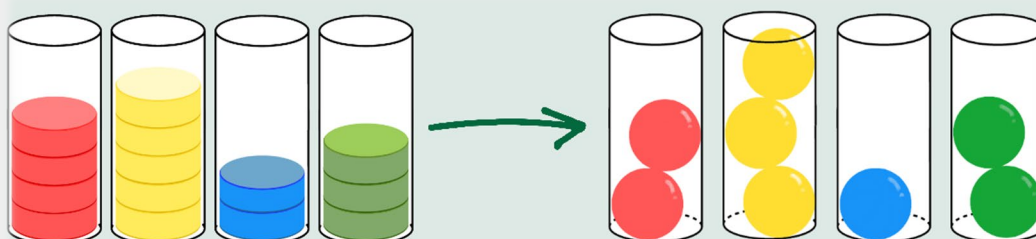
Social, Emotional, Strategic and Cognitive.



If you would like any more information regarding Growth Mindset and The Building Learning Powers, please view our information pack [here](#).

House Points

Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and staff are allocated to one of our houses: **Red**, **Green**, **Yellow** and **Blue**. Children are awarded tokens for demonstrating an understanding and awareness of the school values and expectations. Children deposit their tokens in tubes displayed in the library; during assembly, the winning house is announced and awarded a prize, and we inform parents via the weekly newsletter. At the end of the term, the house with the most wins a "wear your house colour" non-uniform day.



Each week the winning house adds to their total winnings for the term!

Uniform and Kit

Our school uniform is worn from kindergarten upwards: children should always be dressed in their school uniform unless they are advised otherwise by their class teacher or the school.



Uniforms can be purchased from [No Limitz](#), they offer a complete online shopping experience, as well as the facility to pop into their shop at Elms Farm Industrial Estate (opposite Waitrose) to pick up any items you need. Full details can be found at [No Limitz](#). Alongside this, **Pilgrims Parents** regularly host second-hand uniform sales so look out for the notices. If you want to sell items then an instruction pack telling you how to do so is available at reception.

Swimming

Your child's swimming kit should consist of:

- A swimming costume or trunks,
- A swimming hat,
- A towel,
- A bag.
- A swimming nappy is compulsory for children in kindergarten and any other child not potty trained.
- If your child has a verruca, please ensure that they have, in their swim bag, a suitable sock to wear.
- Swimming goggles may be worn by children from Reception upwards if they wish to do so.
 - *Pilgrims recommend Speedo Sea Squad goggles obtainable online from Amazon. Please ensure they are named using a biro.*
- Children from Pre School upwards will require a tummy band and float.

Uniform and Kit Expectations:

- All items of uniform must be clearly labelled, including underwear and towels.
- All children should have a water bottle in school
- During hot weather, your child must have a sun hat in school.

- During cold weather, all children will need an appropriate coat, hat, scarves and gloves.
- Wellingtons and cagoules/ waterproofs are also essential throughout the year.
- Jewellery is **not** to be worn at school.
 - *Earrings should **not** be worn at school.*
 - *If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, please arrange this for the beginning of the summer holiday and removed before the start of the new school term.*
 - *If you would like your child to wear a watch, they may wear an analogue watch. Please ensure it is named and of an appropriate style and size, i.e., not a 'Fitbit' or 'toy character' watch.*
- From Reception upwards:
- School shoes should be black and worn throughout the year.
- Boys' and girls' hair should be tidy and of an appropriate length and style for school.
 - *Children's hair which is shoulder length, or longer, should be tied up; in a style which will remain intact all day.*
- Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school each day. On days when children have timetabled PE sessions, they will come into school in their PE kit.
- Swimming kit is in on the appropriate days for their class lessons.
- Each child from Reception upwards will need their own set of watercolours which; should last them throughout Main School.
 - *(Named and in a plastic wallet)*

Personal Property

Personal items such as toys, card collections etc., should not be brought into school unless requested. Children can become very distressed if their belongings are lost or damaged; the school cannot be responsible for the children's belongings brought from home. Due to no lost property box, please ensure all personal items are named so we can return them.

School Life

The School Day

At Pilgrims, we run from 8am to 6pm across the school. To see more details please visit our website page on [The School Day](#).

For parents with children in Little Toddlers through to Pre School, who wish to change their child's school day, sessions can be requested permanently or on an ad-hoc basis, subject to availability. Please email the room leader or manager your request. A full term's notice is required if you wish to reduce your child's sessions. These will be confirmed to you via email once the request is approved. We charge additional fees in arrears.

Catering and Food

Our catering team works hard to ensure that the children have a balanced diet, whilst making it as delicious as possible. Meals are prepared freshly each day in the school kitchen. Mrs Bhogal, our catering manager, works closely with parents to ensure healthy, nutritional options are available to the children. Find out more on our website: [What's for lunch](#). View our [Nourishment and Encouragement Policy](#) on our website.

Attendance and Absence

Please telephone the school (01234 369555) before 8.45 am if your child is absent and the reason for their absence. The office will make a note on the register. The school will contact parents if the school has not been informed by 9 am. Please read our [Attendance Policy](#) for further information, including authorised absences and holidays during term time.

Please note it is important to keep your contact information up to date, please let us know if there are any changes as soon as possible.

If your child is unwell or sick...

Children who experience vomiting and/or diarrhoea should stay away from attending Pilgrims (Little Toddlers through to Year 2) until at least 48 hours after the last episode and will not be able to swim for an additional 12 days. If your child experiences these symptoms whilst at school, we will call you to collect your child. This information links to both our Supporting Students with [Medical Conditions Policy](#) (appendix 5) and our [Swimming Pool Normal Operating Procedures](#).

The policy is also in line with advice from the NHS and HPA (Health Protection Agency), and is aimed at preventing the spread of infection to other people – both children and staff.

Medication

Please refer to our [Administration of Medication Policy](#) for further details on prescribed medications, non prescribed medications and long-term medical needs. Please note, if a child requires regular doses of a paracetamol-based product i.e., Calpol, this cannot be accommodated at school. Your child should remain at home until they are well enough to attend school without the need for non-prescribed medication.

Collection of Children

Our [school day](#), from Reception upwards, runs from 8:45 am to 3:30 pm, with children being dropped off from 8:30 am. Little Pilgrims and Pre School are open from 8 am to 6 pm; children arrive and are collected depending on their booked sessions. Our breakfast club ([Larks](#)) is available from 8 am, and after-school clubs ([Owls](#) and [Extra-Curricular Activities](#)) are available from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Further details on our [Collection of Children Policy](#):

- Collection of children,
- Who can collect your child,
- Authorisation for other responsible people to collect your child,
 - *Including pre-authorisation and passwords*
- Late collection and non-collection of children

Celebrations

We encourage celebrating all events: birthdays, religious holidays and other festivals. As we endeavour to be a nut-free school, please ensure any sweets come from the following list:

- Rowntree's Jelly Tots
- Nestle Fruit Pastilles
- Nestle Smarties
- Cadbury's White Buttons
- Cadbury's Dairy Milk Buttons
- Kinnerton Chocolate
- HARIBO's

Cakes brought into school, homemade or store-bought, must be made with **no** nut ingredients; the box must state that they came from a nut-free environment. The class teacher will distribute any food not provided by our Kitchen at the end of the school day. We ensure all allergies and dietary requirements are adhered to.

Pilgrims School Curriculum

The Curriculum

Our curriculum takes on board government guidance for Early Years and Key Stage one. Through the delivery of In the Moment Planning in Early Years and a Creative Curriculum in Main School we seek to encourage, support and challenge all children to achieve. Further information about our curriculum is shared through our parent information and transition evenings and our weekly newsletters. For full details on the curriculum please refer to the links below.

- [Curriculum Policy](#)
 - In the moment planning
 - Teachable moments
 - Our creative curriculum
 - Themed contextual approach
- [Homework Policy](#)
 - Routines and expectations
 - *(Make sure to read page 3)*
- [Early Years Foundation Stage Policy](#)

Specialist Lessons

From Reception, children are offered the opportunity to have 1 to 1 tennis lessons with Woolfy Tennis and from Year 1, we also offer lessons for a variety of instruments. We arrange these around the children's normal curriculum activities and more information is available from the school office.

Curriculum Policies

To view any other policies related to our curriculum, please see the [policy page](#) on our website.

Educational School Visits

As part of the curriculum, the children have the opportunity to go on various visits and trips outside the school. These may include a visit to a London theatre, a farm or a day trip to the seaside. We always request parental permission for trips beyond the local shops and parks. In Year 2, there is an expectation that all children will attend a two-night residential. Historically, we have found this trip provides an opportunity for the children to develop independence, confidence and team-building skills. Our children usually highlight the trip as one of their favourite memories- it has always been incredibly successful. We endeavour to include most trips in your child's fees; however, there may be times we pass on a charge and for the London theatre and residential trips we will charge back to parents. Read more on the [Educational Visits Policy and Practice](#).

Gifted & Talented and SEND

We recognise each child at pilgrims as unique thus, we endeavour to encourage all children to their full potential. We support those with additional needs, academic and pastoral and those who are 'More Able'. Read more on our [SEND](#) and [Able, Gifted and Talented](#) policies.

Extra-Curricular and Wraparound Care

At Pilgrims we offer a comprehensive range of out of hours school care and extra-curricular opportunities.

Larks and Owls

Our breakfast club is called Larks, which opens at 8am and our after-school club, Owls, opens at 3.30pm and runs until 6pm. For more information, please see the [Wraparound Care page](#) on our website. If for any reason you are held up, please ensure that you ring the school to let us know so that we can let your child know and make the appropriate arrangements.

Clubs

Pilgrims offer a range of clubs on a termly basis. A list of available clubs is shared with parents prior to the end of each term along with the booking form. Requests are considered and confirmation issued prior to the start of the new term. Please read the Out of hours policy for full details.

Holiday Club

Pilgrims Holiday Club is run by Mrs Pinnock our 'Wrap-Around Care and Play Manager', please direct any queries relating to how Holiday Club operates to her, c.pinnock@pilgrims-school.org.uk. Please read the Holiday Club section of our [Wraparound Care page](#) on our website, or, see our [Calendar](#) for more information.

For full details on all of our Out of Hours Care please read the policy below:

[Out-of-Hours](#)

Parent Communication

At Pilgrims, we value the importance of working in partnership with our parents, aiming to reflect our school values. It should be professional, open, honest, ethical, and helpful.

How we communicate with you:

- Most general information we send will be via email.
- Please check your child's book bag/pigeon-hole daily for things that are not sent electronically.
- Each year group will send home a newsletter on a Friday.
 - *These hold general school information and achievements from the week, alongside upcoming events and diary dates.*
- Our term dates can be found on our [School Calendar](#).
- Parent Teas are held at the beginning of the autumn term
 - *These provide an opportunity for the class teacher to let parents know their class routines and timetables.*
- Our Consultation Evenings are held during the autumn and spring terms.
- End of year reports are sent out towards the end of the summer term.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress; or attainment or want to know more about anything, please speak to your child's key person or class teacher. If you would like to talk to any specialist teachers (Music, French, Swimming, ICT & Computing), please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

How you can communicate with us:

If you have any concerns or worries about any aspect of your child's care or education, please do not hesitate to contact your child's key person or class teacher. Usually, an informal discussion can very quickly solve any concerns you may have. Should more time be needed, we ask that parents make a specific appointment to meet with their child's teacher/ key person.

We would encourage parents to inform the school and/ or your child's class teacher/key person of the following as soon as possible:

- Changes in your family situation
- Medical/ dietary issues that arise or change
- Illness/ notification of absence
- Safety issues, change in behaviour at home
- Family emergencies, sleepless nights, play dates, appointments (send a note or email)

All teachers have a school email address and will be happy to give it to you should you find this method of communication easier; however, if your message is urgent, please call the main office directly. Teaching staff will endeavour to check their emails regularly during the working week.

Pilgrims School Contact Information

Main Office/ Reception

Hours: 8 am – 5 pm
(answerphone outside of these hours)

01234 369555

Enquiries@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Ms Jo Thompson

Finance & Office Manager

as above

J.Thompson@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Mr Jonathan Bennett

Estates & Facilities Manager

as above

J.Bennett@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Mrs Jacqueline Morales

Pastoral and SEND Co

as above

J.Morales@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Mrs Zoe Garbould

School Nurse

as above

Z.Garbould@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Mrs Zoe Miles

Little Pilgrims

01234 369555
Option 2

Z.Miles@pilgrims-school.org.uk

PENGING

Kindergarten

01234 369555
Option 3

J.Kuzio@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Miss Claire Towell

Pre School

01234 369555
Option 4

C.Towell@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Mrs Clare Pinnock

Holiday Club *(when operating)*
Wrap Around Care
& Play Manager

07982 319791

HolidayClub@pilgrims-school.org.uk

Queries and concerns can be dealt with directly through talking to your child's Teacher/ Key Person, please see further details in our [Parental Complaints](#) policy, if necessary.

Important Information and Policies

Safeguarding and online safety

As defined by Keeping Children Safe in Education (2021), Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment;
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care;
- Acting to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

Our safeguarding team work hard to ensure the best outcomes for everyone within the Pilgrims Community, see them below:



Mrs Tracey Marquand
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Zoe Miles
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Miss Justyna Kuzio
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding Children Policy

- Legal Framework and Aims
- Safeguarding Issues
- Recognising and types of abuse
- Online Safety
- School Attendance and Missing Children
- Record keeping, information sharing and confidentiality

Please see policy for more topics.

Online Safety Policy

- *Please read for more information, including user agreements for the school, children and parents.*

Please see the key below for policies outlined on our [Policy Page](#) in this Handbook.

Safeguarding

Medical and First Aid

Health and Safety

Pilgrims Parents

Pilgrims Parents was founded in 2000 by a group of mums and dads and since then, we have raised tens of thousands of pounds for the school, funding facilities such as the hard-court area, play equipment, the mini-grand piano and reading scheme books – as well as raising funds for the school's many chosen charities.

Pilgrims Parents organise a variety of events throughout the academic year, ensuring that our children are at the heart of them. For example, the year begins with our Autumn Tea Party, followed by Christmas themed activities, cake sales and a Silent Auction. The year ends with the summer barbecue as part of the school's Sports Day. Pilgrims Parents also run the second-hand uniform sales. Please look out for information sent out via WhatsApp, weekly newsletters as well as posters which will be displayed around the school. If you are not part of your child's WhatsApp group, please contact your class rep or Rosie Kavanagh (07811 289203 or pilgrimsparents@gmail.com).

We always welcome new faces to the Pilgrims Parents general committee, so if you would like to join us once a month on a Friday morning at 8:50am please let us know using the contact details above. Meeting dates will be confirmed each term. Even if you are unable to join the full committee, we are always looking out for volunteers to help run each of our events throughout the year.



For some more information [click here](#).

Useful Links:



[iSAMS parent portal](#)

Fees, forms & More



[Evidence Me](#)

Early Years Children



[SchoolCloud](#)

Parents Evening Booking

Our Policies

To view our policies, please visit the [Policies](#) page on our website...

Safeguarding; Medical and First Aid; Health and Safety

- Able, Gifted & Talented
- **Accident & First Aid**
- **Admin of Medicines Policy**
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Art & Design Policy
- Assessment Policy
- **Attendance Policy**
- Behaviour & Assertive Discipline Policy
- **Care and Supervision Policy**
- **Collection of Children Policy**
- Collective Worship and Assembly Policy
- Computing Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Disability Access Plan
- Early Years Foundation Stage
- Educational Visits Policy
- Emergency Action Plan
- English as an Additional Language
- Environment Policy (Eco)
- Equal Opportunities (children)
- **Evacuation Procedure**
- EYFS Supervision Risk Assessment
- **Fire Prevention Policy**
- French Policy
- Fundamental British Values
- Geography
- **Health & Safety Policy**
- Healthy Eating Policy
- History
- Homework Policy
- Inclusion Statement
- **Intimate Care Policy**
- Learning Outdoors Policy
- Library
- Literacy (English)
- Lockdown Policy
- Mathematics
- Music Policy
- **Online Safety Policy**
- Out of Hours Policy
- PE
- **Prevent Risk Assessment**
- PSHCEE Policy
- Racial Harassment Policy
- RE Policy
- Relationships & Sex Education
- **Safeguarding Children Policy**
- Science
- SEND Policy
- Student & Volunteer Policy
- **Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions**
- Swimming Pool Policy EAP
- Swimming Pool Policy NOP
- Swimming Pool Policy SOP
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Transition Policy
- Visitor Policy

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Appendix

Appendix 1 - Little Pilgrims, Kindergarten and Pre School's HSA

PILGRIMS PRE PREP

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT (Little Pilgrims and Pre School)

At Pilgrims School our vision is to 'inspire a love of learning'. To achieve this, we believe it is important to have a close and mutually-respectful partnership between the school, the parents and the children; a partnership which reflects the school's aims and values of curiosity, kindness and respect. This Home/School agreement has been established to clearly outline the school's responsibility towards the children, the parents' responsibility towards the school and what the school expects of the children. We ask that all parents read and share this agreement with their child (when age appropriate) before signing it and returning a copy to their child's Key Person/room.

The responsibilities of the school

Pilgrims School will:

- Provide a safe and happy environment.
- Offer a stimulating, broad and relevant curriculum that challenges each child to reach their potential.
- Develop the children's independence and resilience.
- Encourage each child to show kindness and respect to others at all times, reflecting the school's Behaviour Policy, ensuring a safe, caring and inclusive environment for all.
- Keep parents informed about school life, their child's progress, attainment and behaviour and how this can be supported at home.
- Be open and welcoming.
- Respond to parents' questions or concerns in a professional manner and in an appropriate timescale.

Signed:  Mrs J Webster, Headteacher

The responsibilities of the child (when age appropriate)

I will:

- Always try my best
- Share
- Be kind and helpful
- Take care of things.
- Let an adult know if I feel sad /unhappy.
- Ask questions when I don't understand.

The responsibilities of the parent(s)/carer(s)

All parent(s)/carer(s) will:

- Work in partnership with the school, positively supporting its aims and vision.
- Role model the school values to the children, the school staff and wider school community.
- Help their child to understand and demonstrate the school values at all times.
- Ensure that their child arrives for their booked sessions on time and ahead of any timetable activities and notify the school as soon as possible in the event of any absence.
- Ensure that their child is collected on time at the end of their booked session.
- Address any concerns or problems that may affect their child's learning, behaviour or happiness at school with a member of staff in a professional and courteous manner.
- Be mindful when speaking to a member of staff that the staff's priority is to attend to the needs of the children in the room and so should a longer discussion be required then a separate appointment should be arranged.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines with regards to learning, behaviour, communication and, where appropriate uniform.
- Ensure they read all school communication, including weekly and general school newsletters so they are aware of events, requests and key dates relating to their child's school life.
- Refer to the Parent Handbook for general information on policies and procedures prior to contacting their child's key person.
- Contact Little Pilgrims or Pre School with urgent messages i.e. changes to collection arrangements, absence.
- Attend parent/Key Person meetings to discuss their child's progress.
- Work in partnership with the school to ensure that the correct support is in place, if required, to ensure your child is able to reach their full potential. This may include support from specialist staff, such as our Pastoral & SEND Co-Ordinator, our School Nurse and our Able, Gifted & Talented Co-Ordinator.
- Ensure that emergency contact and medical details are kept up to date and current.

Accepted and signed on behalf of all parents/carers of the child:

Child's name: Room:

Signature: Date:

In establishing this Home/School Agreement, and in line with the Parental Contract, we would like to remind parents /carers and any visitors to the school, whilst accepting these are rare occurrences, we are unable to tolerate the following:

1. Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds, including the car park and school field.
2. Use of inappropriate behaviour i.e. displays of temper/anger or threats including loud/or offensive language.
3. Damaging or destroying school property.
4. Unprofessional or inappropriate tone in emails or other correspondence including voicemail/phone messages or other written communication.
5. Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
6. Smoking or consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on the school property.

ONCE SIGNED, PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT TO YOUR CHILD'S KEY PERSON/ROOM, RETAINING THE OTHER COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.

(All Policies and handbooks referred to in the agreement are available on the school's website www.pilgrims-school.info/schoolife)

Appendix 2 - Main School HSA

PILGRIMS PRE PREP

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2)

At Pilgrims School our vision is to **'inspire a love of learning'**. To achieve this, we believe it is important to have a close and mutually-respectful partnership between the school, the parents and the children; a partnership which reflects the school's aims and values of curiosity, kindness and respect. This Home/School agreement has been established to clearly outline the school's responsibility towards the children, the parents' responsibility towards the school and what the school expects of the children. We ask that all parents read and share this agreement with their child before signing it and returning a copy to their child's class teacher.

The responsibilities of the school

Pilgrims School will:

- Provide a safe and happy school environment.
- Offer a stimulating, broad and relevant curriculum that challenges each child to reach their potential.
- Develop a 'growth mind-set' culture by promoting independence and resilience.
- Encourage each child to show kindness and respect to others at all times, reflecting the school's Behaviour Policy, ensuring a safe, caring and inclusive environment for all.
- Keep parents informed about school life, their child's progress, attainment and behaviour and how this can be supported at home.
- Be open and welcoming.
- Respond to parents' questions or concerns in a professional manner and in an appropriate timescale.

Signed:

Mrs J Webster, Headteacher

The responsibilities of the child

I will:

- Always try my best
- Do all classwork and homework as well as I can, asking questions when I don't understand.
- Demonstrate behaviour which reflects the school values of curiosity, kindness and respect.
- Look smart and take pride in my appearance.
- Take care of my belongings and school equipment.
- Always let an adult know if I feel sad /unhappy.

Signed (if appropriate) by child:

The responsibilities of the parent(s)/carer(s)

All parent(s)/carer(s) will:

- Work in partnership with the school, positively supporting its aims and vision.
- Role model the school values to the children, the school staff and wider school community.
- Help their child to understand and demonstrate the school values at all times.
- Ensure that their child attends school punctually every day, notifying the school in the event of any absence.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines with regards to learning, behaviour, communication and uniform.
- Work in partnership with the school to ensure that the correct support is in place, if required, to ensure your child is able to reach their full potential. This may include support from specialist teaching staff, such as our Pastoral & SEND Co-Ordinator, our School Nurse and our Able, Gifted & Talented Co-Ordinator.
- Address any concerns or problems that may affect their child's learning, behaviour or happiness at school with their child's class teacher in a professional and courteous manner.
- Understand that the school's priority is to attend to the needs of the children during the school day (8.45 to 3.30) and agree that any issues or concerns should be addressed outside of this time.
- Be mindful that teaching staff may find it difficult to respond to emails / communications during the school day and that urgent messages should be directed to the main school Reception.
- Ensure they read **all** school communication, including weekly year group and general school newsletters so they are aware of events, requests and key dates relating to their child's school life.
- Refer to the Parent Handbook for general information on policies and procedures prior to contacting their child's class teacher.
- Attend parent/teacher meetings to discuss their child's progress.
- Support their child with homework that is set, including reading.
- Ensure that emergency contact and medical details are kept up to date and current.

Accepted and signed on behalf of all parents/carers of the child:

Signature:

Date:

In establishing this Home/School Agreement, and in line with the Parental Contract, we would like to remind parents /carers and any visitors to the school, whilst accepting these are rare occurrences, we are unable to tolerate the following:

1. Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, an employee's office, office area or any other area of the school grounds, including the car park and school field.
2. Use of inappropriate behaviour i.e. displays of temper/anger or threats including loud/offensive language.
3. Damaging or destroying school property.
4. Unprofessional or inappropriate tone in emails or other correspondence including voicemail/phone messages or other written communication.
5. Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards their own child.
6. Smoking or consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on the school property.

ONCE SIGNED, PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT TO SCHOOL, RETAINING THE OTHER COPY FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.

[All policies and handbooks referred to in this agreement are available on the school's website www.pilgrims-school.info]

Appendix 3 – School Map

