

The Family Will

Ensure that their child attends school regularly and telephone the school on the morning of the first day of absence.

Dress their child appropriately for the weather and for the activities on offer by the school (e.g. swimming kit)

Attend Annual Reviews and Parent/Carer meetings.

Work with the school to identify and agree priorities and support these at home and in the community.

Share information with the school of any significant changes in their child's routine, health (including medication changes) or home life.

To ensure that contact telephone numbers, addresses and all details held by the school are up to date.

To work with school, health and social care to ensure the best long term future for your child.

Parents & Carers Information



Home and School Contract 2020-21

Together we will:

Encourage children to believe in themselves and to **be the best they can be.**

Use our ICE drivers to focus on

- Independence
- Communication
- Experiences, exploration and engagement .

Share concerns and look for solutions.

Ensure honest communication.

Work together to achieve the best for every child or young person.

The School Will

Ensure that all our children, young people and staff are supported to:

“Be the best we can be”

We do this by:

- ☑ Putting the needs of our students first;
- ☑ Working in partnership with families and professionals;
- ☑ Creating opportunities to achieve and enjoy;
- ☑ Having a personalised curriculum;
- ☑ Developing our skilled and experienced staff;
- ☑ Treating all with care, respect and dignity;
- ☑ Being open, clear and honest;
- ☑ Developing practical life and social skills for a better future;

We will

Value , teach and care for each child as an Individual, meeting their individual needs.

Provide information for parents / carers about their child's progress and developing skills.

Ensure the staff looking after their child are appropriately trained and all necessary safeguarding checks are in order.

Inform parents and carers about what is going on in school and keep them up to date.

Share information on school policies & procedures.

Ensure individual education plans (IEPs) are jointly created by families and school.

Work together on home and school targets and provide homework as appropriate.

Offer support and direction for the family and their child from our family support team, other services and professionals from health and social care

Safeguarding

Hilltop School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

If a matter is a Child Protection concern, then we cannot guarantee complete confidentiality.

For the safety of our young people we may need to share information with other agencies.

Some of our students need us to help them manage their own behaviour and this may include positive handling techniques. By signing this form you are giving permission for this to happen if and when necessary.

Any decision that the school makes, does so in the belief that they are acting in the best interests of the child.

Practicalities

We want all of our children to be active learners.

Children learn best when they are using all of their senses to learn. Sometimes we do very messy activities inside and out and we don't want to spoil 'best' clothes. Please don't send your child in or with precious things.

We ask you to send spare clothes, waterproofs, wellingtons and a coat, then sun cream and hats in summer to protect them from the weather.

We go out of school regularly and we would ask you to consent to your child doing a range of visits which may include residential.

Attendance.

We can no longer authorise holidays or time off in term time unless there are exceptional reasons.

We report all our attendance data will need to refer any unauthorised attendance to the local authority.

If you have an appointment can you let us have a copy of the letter and try to make it for only half a day.

We are seeking to increase school attendance and want your support to make sure your child attends regularly.

Home and School Communication

We know that parents and families make the biggest difference to the lives of pupils.

We want to work as partners in your child's education and help to shape what they do when they are not at school.

It is important we communicate in many different ways:

Write in the home/school diary daily,

Share photographs of success,

Contact your Key worker or Family Support Team

Talk on the phone.

Meet up regularly,

E-mail each other,

Pop in for a chat.

Use Facebook or share the school website. As a parent you have a responsibility to ensure that social media is used responsibly and respectfully and this includes not posting photos of other students.

Name of child _____

Signed _____ Print _____ (parent/carer)

Signed _____ (Headteacher)