



## Edmund Waller Primary School Home School Agreement 2025-2026

Alongside academic achievement, as a community we strive to help children develop our core values – humanity, creativity and ambition – during their time at Edmund Waller. The purpose of this home school agreement is to identify and agree ways in which parents/carers, staff and children can work together to achieve this.

### **The school will:**

- Provide a safe, stimulating environment where children feel confident to try new things, ask for help if they need it, take risks and work together to ask and find the answers to questions
- Ensure that the curriculum (which fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum), is engaging, purposeful and challenging. We want our curriculum to encourage creativity, curiosity and a love of learning
- Develop in each child positive values and a caring attitude towards the school community and the environment
- Communicate between home and school through the website, noticeboards, letters, texts, emails and general meetings
- Welcome parents/carers whenever they visit the school and respond to their questions or concerns as quickly as possible
- Set regular home/ school learning tasks or projects
- Contact parents/carers as soon as concerns are raised about their child's work, behaviour attendance or punctuality

### **The parents/carers will:**

- Ensure that their child attends school regularly, is punctual, properly equipped and ready to learn
- Raise any problems or concerns that might affect their child's ability to learn or behave appropriately
- Support their child with any home school learning tasks or projects as well as listen to their child read every day (or in the case of older children encourage them to read daily and talk to them about the books they are reading)
- Support all staff in their efforts to create a caring community which values children and their rights, raising any concerns in an appropriate manner with due respect to school policy
- Attend parent's meetings with the teacher to discuss their child's achievements and progress
- Inform the school immediately of any changes to parents or carer and emergency contact details
- Support the school to ensure their child maintains good behaviour

### **The child will:**

- Fully participate in all lessons and demonstrate good learning behaviour
- Show respect, care and consideration to all
- Care for our school environment
- Challenge unacceptable, unkind behaviour
- Care for our school environment and walk quietly around the school building
- Tell a member of staff if they are worried about anything
- Bring in their book every day and read at home every day

Please see overleaf for our 'ICT Acceptable use of the internet: agreement for parents and carers' which we would ask you to sign.

## Acceptable use of social media and the internet: agreement for parents and carers

Online channels are an important way for parents/carers to communicate with, or about, our school.

The school uses the following channels:

- Our school website
- School newsletter
- Email/text to parents/carers

Parents/carers may also set up independent channels to help them stay on top of what's happening in their child's class. For example, class/year Facebook, email and WhatsApp groups.

**Social media and WhatsApp (or similar platforms) should not be used to raise concerns about your child, staff, other people's children or the school. This is not constructive, and the school cannot improve or address issues if they are not raised in an appropriate way. The school does not respond to complaints or issues made by groups of parents.**

**Please follow the below guidelines if you have a concern or complaint:**

- Always use official school channels to communicate concerns of any kind
- Be respectful towards members of staff, other parents/ carers, the children and the school
- Do not upload or share photos or videos on social media of any child other than your own without the express permission of the other children's parents/carers (this is a safeguarding issue)
- Private groups (e.g. WhatsApp) and social media must not be used to bring the school into disrepute

When using social media and private groups (e.g. WhatsApp) I will:

- Be respectful towards all members of the school community, and the school, at all times
- Be respectful of other parents/carers and children
- Direct any complaints or concerns through the school's official channels, so they can be dealt with in line with the school's complaints procedure

I will not:

- Use private groups, (e.g. WhatsApp) or social media to complain about or criticise members of staff or the school. This is not constructive, and the school cannot improve or address issues unless they are raised in an appropriate way
- Use private groups or social media to complain about, or try to resolve, a behaviour issue involving other pupils. I will contact the school and speak to the appropriate member of staff if I'm aware of a specific behaviour issue or incident

Upload or share photos or videos on social media of any child other than my own, unless I have the permission of the other children's parents/carers

**[I agree to adhere to the above acceptable use of the internet and social media guidelines.](#)**

**[Click here to sign and agree electronically.](#)**

Full Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Carer full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acceptable use of the school's ICT facilities and internet:  
agreement for older pupils (Year 4 – Year 6) and parents/carers**

**When using the school's ICT facilities and accessing the internet in school, I will not:**

- Use them for a non-educational purpose
- Use them without a teacher being present, or without a teacher's permission
- Use them to break school rules
- Access any inappropriate websites
- Access social networking sites (unless my teacher has expressly allowed this as part of a learning activity)
- Use chat rooms
- Open any attachments in emails, or follow any links in emails, without first checking with a teacher
- Use any inappropriate language when communicating online, including in emails
- Share any semi-nude or nude images, videos or livestreams, even if I have the consent of the person or people in the photo/video
- Share my password with others or log in to the school's network using someone else's details
- Bully other people

I understand that the school will monitor the websites I visit and my use of the school's ICT facilities and systems.

I will immediately let a teacher or other member of staff know if I find any material which might upset, distress or harm me or others.

I will always use the school's ICT systems and internet responsibly.

I understand that the school will follow the behaviour policy, if I do certain unacceptable things online, even if I am not in school when I do them.

**Parent/carer agreement:** I agree that my child can use the school's ICT systems and internet when appropriately supervised by a member of school staff. I agree to the conditions set out above for pupils using the school's ICT systems and internet, and for using personal electronic devices in school, and will make sure my child understands these.

**Acceptable use of the school's ICT facilities and internet:  
agreement for younger pupils (Nursery – Year 3) and parents/carers**

**When I use the school's ICT facilities (like computers and equipment) and go on the internet in school, I will not:**

- Use them without asking a teacher first, or without a teacher in the room with me
- Use them to break school rules
- Go on any inappropriate websites
- Go on Facebook or other social networking sites (unless my teacher said I could as part of a lesson)
- Use chat rooms
- Open any attachments in emails, or click any links in emails, without checking with a teacher first
- Use mean or rude language when talking to other people online or in emails
- Send any photos, videos or livestreams of people (including me) who aren't wearing all of their clothes
- Share my password with others or log in using someone else's name or password
- Bully other people

I understand that the school will check the websites I visit and how I use the school's computers and equipment. This is so that they can help keep me safe and make sure I'm following the rules.

I will tell a teacher or a member of staff I know immediately if I find anything on a school computer or online that upsets me, or that I know is mean or wrong.

I will always be responsible when I use the school's ICT systems and internet.

I understand that the school will follow the behaviour policy if I do certain unacceptable things online, even if I'm not in school when I do them.

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