



# DERWENT VALE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

## **HOME/SCHOOL CONTRACT**

As part of the Home/School Contract the Headteacher and the Parent/Carer of each child on roll will be expected, annually, to complete and sign a contract between the Parent/Carer and the school.

The contract will detail the particulars of the child (i.e. name, address, date of birth etc.), the code of expected conduct at the school and details of the behaviour policy.

### **Contract between Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School and**

Parent/Carer ..... (name)

of .....(address)

for the education of .....(child's name)..... (date of birth)

I understand and agree that:

#### **Communication**

- Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School operates a policy of open access to information. If I wish to discuss issues concerning my child and their education, view the policies and procedures under which the school runs, or to discuss other relevant matters, staff/governors will be available at a pre-booked, mutually agreed time. I will not contact any member of staff via their personal social media accounts or personal mobile phones.

#### **School day**

- School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. Nursery operates from 8.45am - 12.00pm. I will ensure my child arrives and is collected on time.

#### **Car parking**

- I agree to support the safe parking request from the school, not to park in the bus lane or on the double yellow lines and to park away from school, respecting residents' driveways.

#### **Off site**

- As part of my child's learning experiences at the school there will be occasions when they will be taken off the premises (i.e. on walks, visits, sports fixtures etc). These outings are an integral part of the school curriculum and I give permission for my child to be included on such occasions. I understand that whenever transport is involved I will be informed.

#### **Illness**

- As an educational establishment the school has no facilities to care for sick children and agree :-
  - to keep my child at home when they are not well
  - to keep my child away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting
  - to being contacted to make arrangements to collect my child should they become unwell at school

#### **Absence**

- The school asks to be informed by message or telephone call from yourself or other appointed adult if your child is absent on a particular day. If no message is received, verbal or written, regarding an absence then the school will contact you by telephone, text or letter. If after 7 days there is still no response the absence will be classified as unauthorised. A note is required if, for any reason, a child is to leave school during school hours.

**Fines**

- The school has a policy of allowing pupils to borrow books during term time, but reserves the right to charge a nominal 'fine' of £5.00 for books which are lost or not returned.

**Behaviour**

- I agree and support the behaviour expectations of the school as set out in the school's Behaviour and Discipline Policy.
- Excerpt from Behaviour Policy:

**Code of conduct**

*It is important that clear expectations for behaviour exist, and that the children understand these. The general rules of the school are made clear to the children during lessons, assemblies and PSHE. Class and school rules are decided in partnership with the children and reviewed on an annual basis. Rules are displayed in each classroom.*

Everyone at Derwent Vale agrees to:

- *Respect all adults and pupils within school and the community*
- *Use good manners at all times*
- *Treat each other with consideration and kindness*
- *Work together as a team*
- *Think before acting*
- *Try our best at all times*

A copy of the full policy is available from the office on request.

**Uniform**

- It is the policy of the school to have a uniform and suitable clothing and footwear for PE. The wearing of jewellery or acrylic/false nails by pupils is not acceptable practice due to the risk of injury to the wearer or others; therefore we expect such items, other than a watch or medical necklace/bracelet, to be removed before your child enters school. Exceptions for the wearing of earrings are only allowed in relation to ethnic/religious beliefs. In such a case, ears must be covered at all times with plasters provided from home, if earrings can be removed they should be. Shoulder length hair must be tied back for all PE type activities. Hair must not follow extremes of fashion such as extensions, permanent colours, beaded braids or obtrusive sculpting.

**Mobile phones**

- Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School does not allow pupils to bring mobile phones on site for any reason on the grounds that they are valuable and may be lost or stolen, nor will they be allowed to take them on educational visits. Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil and returned only to the parent or guardian.

**Dinner money**

- Dinner money must be paid in advance via School Hub. If dinner monies remain unpaid for a period of 2 weeks the provision of school meals will be withdrawn with notice sent by the school via text message to the parent. It will be the parent's responsibility to provide their child with a packed lunch from home until such time as the debt is cleared.

**Holidays in term time**

- In line with the national education policy, pupils taking holidays within term time will be registered as an unauthorised absence. The Local Authority may fine parents/carers. Further information is available from the office on request.

**Social Media**

- If you have any issues relating to school, please contact school in the first instance to allow us to work together to resolve the issue. Please refrain from posting any negative comments on social media.

Signed **D Lucey**  
Headteacher

Signed .....  
Parent/Carer

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Date .....