

Positive Behaviour - Home School Agreement 2025



South Dartmoor Community College is committed to working in partnership with parents and students. This agreement is an expression of our determination to ensure parents/carers are fully involved in their child's education and that students are clear about expectations. South Dartmoor Community College places a very high value on the support that parents/carers provide for the school community and their child. In enrolling your child at South Dartmoor Community College, parents/carers are signing up to this agreement.

South Dartmoor Community College will:

- Uphold the school values of 'Truth, Respect, Equality and Excellence' at all times.
- Provide a secure and safe environment in which students can learn and make progress.
- Set a broad and balanced curriculum to meet the current and future needs of the students.
- Provide high quality teaching with inspiring, stimulating and challenging learning activities.
- Set regular Home Learning to consolidate and extend learning.
- Recognise individuality and build on each student's strengths.
- Keep the family informed of the student's progress and achievements in a variety of ways.
- Celebrate and reward success.
- Maintain and enforce high expectations, with particular respect to behaviour, in line with school policies, treating all students fairly and consistently.
- Care for your child's safety and happiness.

The parent/carer will:

- Support the school in upholding the values of 'Respect, Truth, Excellence and Equality' at all times. This to include travelling to and from school.
- Ensure their child attends school regularly (minimum 96%+) and on time, always notifying the school if a child is absent before 8.30am (for every day of absence).
- Ensure their child is appropriately dressed for learning, in accordance with the uniform policy.
- Provide the correct equipment needed for learning for their child.
- Provide a calm, orderly space to enable their child to complete all Home Learning.
- Attend progress evenings and other school meetings as required.
- Communicate appropriately with school, in particular communicating any issues that might impact on attendance to school e.g. bullying.
- Support the school to ensure communication via social media is safe and appropriate (preventing harm to self and others).
- Support all school policies, particularly with respect to behaviour for learning, uniform and attendance.
- Attend meetings in school, if required, to discuss the progress and welfare of my child.
- Attend school to collect their child if behaviour results in a suspension. We would expect parents and carers to have an emergency plan in place for collection.

Furthermore, parents/carers will undertake to do the following to the best of their ability:

- Give full support to the school, including supporting all sanctions that the school issues to their child.
- Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect their child's work or behaviour.

The student will:

- Comply with the values of 'Respect, Truth, Excellence and Equality' at all times.
- Arrive **at school by 8.37 am (warning bell) and be on time to lessons** throughout the day.
- Attend all lessons including Morning Welcome/Lesson 0 space each day.
- Engage in all learning tasks, asking for help or clarification when required.

- Set themselves high standards and try their best at all times.
- Follow adult instructions at all times.
- Attend detentions set via Class Charts.
- Behave safely and appropriately on school transport.
- Adhere to the school behaviour for learning policy both in and out of the school while in uniform.
- Complete all Home Learning on time and to the best of their ability.
- Join us in taking a stand against bullying and take personal responsibility for their own behaviour.
- Wear the South Dartmoor Community College uniform correctly and smartly at all times and have the correct kit and equipment for all lessons.
- Demonstrate positive behaviour during break and lunch, including adhering to our 'no hands on' policy.
- Use social media safely and appropriately at all times.

Finally, it is acknowledged by all parties that **attendance** is a vital component of a student's academic success. Therefore, children will not be taken on holiday during term time. The school will only authorise holidays in term time in the most exceptional of circumstances eg bereavement, immediate family wedding. The school will normally inform Education Welfare Services and issue Education Penalty Notices if more than 10 sessions are missed. Children with attendance below 90% will be classed as having persistent absence; this will mean they will be closely monitored by the school, the Local Authority and the Department for Education.

Repeated failure of the home school agreement will result in parents and carers being asked to attend school to discuss their son/daughter's future.

By working in partnership, we can ensure that all students fulfil their potential.