

James Elliman Academy Home-School Partnership Agreement

Working together for every child's success





At James Elliman Academy, we firmly believe that a strong partnership between home and school is fundamental to a child's educational journey. This agreement outlines our shared commitment to fostering a supportive and effective learning environment for every pupil. We are dedicated to working collaboratively in the best interests of each child, ensuring they thrive both academically and personally.

The Pupil's Commitment

I will:

- Come to the academy every day on time and be ready to learn.
- Work hard and complete the best work I can, in class and for homework set by my teacher.
- Ask for help if I need it.
- Wear the correct school uniform/P.E kit and be ready for my lessons by bringing in all my equipment.
- Listen to my teacher and do as he/she asks.
- Behave sensibly at all times and be responsible for my behaviour.
- Look after myself and other people so no one gets hurt.
- Treat other people with respect and care and be helpful and polite in all situations.
- Look after my academy and all the equipment and books and help keep the areas and playground tidy and free from litter, so that I can be proud of it.
- Use technology safely and responsibly, following the school's acceptable use policy.
- Tell a trusted adult if I am worried about something or someone.

The Parent/Carer Commitment

I/we will:

- See that my child goes to school every day, on time and properly equipped. I will aim for my child to achieve at least 96% attendance and will notify the school on the first day if my child will be absent.
- Only keep my child at home when they are genuinely ill, and provide medical evidence if requested for absences.
- Make sure my child is dressed in the correct uniform and brings their P.E kit and equipment where necessary.
- Encourage my child to try their best so they can reach their full potential.

- Always remain polite and professional when interacting with staff, ensuring that my behaviour is not at any time inappropriate or threatening.
- Let the school know about any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour, including any safeguarding concerns.
- Inform the school of any medical conditions, allergies, or medication requirements.
- Work with the school to support any special educational needs my child may have.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for high standards of behaviour, including the school's behaviour policy which is available on the school website.
- Support my child in their homework and other opportunities for home learning.
- Support my child to use technology safely and responsibly, both at school and at home.
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress in order to achieve the best outcomes for my child.
- Get to know about my child's life at the school and support the school where needed.
- Endeavour not to take my child out of school for family holidays.
- Read all communications sent home by the school and respond where necessary.
- Follow the school's complaints procedure if I have concerns that cannot be resolved informally.

The School's Commitment

The school will:

- Provide a safe, happy and calm environment where there is equal opportunity for pupils to progress and succeed to their full potential, both academically and socially.
- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils by following safeguarding procedures and keeping children safe in education.
- Help each pupil develop a sense of responsibility and consideration towards others and the wider community.
- Encourage good attendance and address any concerns with parents and carers where necessary.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum, which engages each child and meets individual needs, according to national guidelines.
- Identify and support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities, working in partnership with parents to ensure appropriate provision.
- Promote high standards of behaviour so we can maintain a safe environment for all children, applying our behaviour policy fairly and consistently.
- Take all reports of bullying seriously and work with parents to resolve issues.
- Teach pupils how to stay safe online and provide guidance to parents on e-safety.
- Keep parents/carers informed about all aspects of their child's school life and in particular about their achievements and progress.
- Welcome parents and offer them opportunities to become involved in their child's progress and school life.
- Respond to parent communications within 5 working days during term time.
- Offer children opportunities to develop a sense of responsibility, form healthy social relationships and build their self-esteem.
- Set homework that supports the delivery of the curriculum.

- Communicate between home and school through the school website, app, email and newsletters.
- Provide clear information about how to raise concerns or make a complaint, following our complaints policy.
- Be sensitive to the pupil's culture and background, using it to enhance and support their learning.
- Treat parents and pupils as equal partners in the learning process.
- Handle personal information in line with data protection legislation (GDPR).

Key School Policies

This agreement should be read alongside our school policies, which are available on the school website or on request:

- **Behaviour Policy**
- **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy**
- **SEND Policy**
- **Complaints Policy**
- **Online Safety/Acceptable Use Policy**
- **Attendance Policy**

Our Partnership Commitment

By enrolling your child at James Elliman Academy, you are agreeing to work in partnership with us under the terms of this Home-School Agreement. This agreement sets out what we can expect from each other to ensure the best possible education and experience for your child. We ask that all families read and understand this agreement, and that pupils, parents/carers and the school work together to uphold these commitments. This agreement applies to all pupils and families at James Elliman Academy.

If you have any questions about this agreement or any of our policies, please contact the school office.

This agreement is reviewed annually and was last updated: September 2026. Next review date: August 2027.