

COVID-19

Home-School Agreement

Potton Lower School

and

Potton Middle School



The Potton Federation

Mill Lane

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This '**Home-School Agreement**' has been created with our pupils, staff, families and wider community at its heart. The intention here is to ensure the safe re-opening of our schools, allowing children who need to and that can return to enter into a safe place. As well as this it is essential that our team feel secure in the knowledge that their safety, as well as that of their pupils or their own family will not be compromised.

Over the past few months we have seen the world change around us. Our children have been very much sheltered from this, remaining at home and not experiencing much in regards to conforming to social distancing as we see it in supermarkets and public spaces. The new set up of the school site with different spaces and entrances for groups and staggered start, play, lunch and home times will all be very new to your child. We will always do our best to ensure that we support your child to feel safe and cared for- this agreement goes some way towards this.

The real preparedness does however need to start at home. Please discuss the new formats to the school day and changes they can expect in school before they return. If, at any point, your child becomes distressed at the situation around them and their own well-being or mental health appear to be affected then please do talk to us as we will support you. This will be a difficult transition but will enable our now virtual community to slowly begin re-connecting in person, and what a wonderful thing that will be.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please ensure your completed agreement is returned via ParentMail on your child's first day back.

Best wishes, keep safe and as always, keep in touch

Cathy Smart

Executive Headteacher

Vision Statement

The Potton Federation exists to provide outstanding educational opportunities to the children of Potton and the surrounding villages from the age of 4 through to 13 years.

We have a fully inclusive approach where progress is celebrated and the whole child is valued.

We will do this through strong leadership, effective governance, outstanding teaching and shared learning.

School Rules

- **I can** follow instructions
- **I can** listen to all adults working in school and to each other
- **I can** be gentle, kind and polite – I keep my hands, feet and unkind words to myself
- **I can** value people's belongings – respect the school and other people's property
- **I can** be honest and tell the truth

School

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The school will do its best to:

- Provide an environment which has been risk assessed in response to the COVID-19 infection;
- Adhere to the safe distancing measures as set out by the government as much as we reasonably can;
- Provide a curriculum that meets the needs of your child's well-being, mental health and academic needs;
- Contact parents/carers if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19;
- Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'pod' show symptoms of COVID-19 as this will mean you will all need to self-isolate for at least 14 days or until the test comes back negative;
- Continue our clear and consistent approach to rewards and sanctions for children as set out in the Relationship Policy as well the expectations outlines in this agreement;
- Communicate between home and school through ParentMail, Classroom Dojo, and the school website.
- Always put the safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and community at the heart of its decision making.

Signed on behalf of the school: _____

Date: _____

Parents and Carers

Parent/guardian: _____

To help my child at school, I know and understand that:

- If my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will not send them to school, we will self-isolate for 14 days as a family, I will get them tested and I will let the school know as soon as possible via telephone;
- If my child, or another child in their pod, shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child from school immediately;
- On my commute, and when dropping my child off and picking them up, I will adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rules;
- When dropping off and picking up, I will strictly stick to the school timings for my child;
- My child must not bring any items into school with them or take items home from school;
- I will need to remind my child about social distancing rules but accept they are difficult to follow and that my child may not always do this successfully;
- My child will need to use good respiratory and hand hygiene;
- I will not be allowed into the school without a pre-arranged appointment – make appointments via telephone or email;
- I need to support all staff in their efforts to create an 'as safe as possible' environment during this crisis;
- Read all letters/messages/emails that are sent home;
- I need to inform the school immediately of any changes to parents/carer and emergency contacts details;
- If my child is deemed unsafe, he/she will be sent home and cannot return to school until they can be safe;
- Ensure my child is wearing clean and fresh clothes daily and has washed between each school day.

Child

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I will do my best to:

- Keep to the safe distancing rules in school and on the playground;
- Tell an adult if I feel unwell;
- Not bring things into school from home, or take things home from school;
- Only use the equipment provided to me by school and no other;
- Keep in my pod;
- Only enter and exit the school building from my pod's door;
- Follow good respiratory hygiene: coughing and sneezing into my elbow or tissue (catch it-bin it-kill it);
- Follow good hand hygiene – use soap and water for 20 seconds/ hand sanitiser;
- Behave well at all times to maintain the safety of myself and others;
- Remember that these changes are about keeping everyone safe, including me. This is why I must do my best to keep safe distancing and only play with and talk to those in my pod.

Signed by child: _____

Date: _____