

THE THOMAS AVELING SCHOOL

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Parents/Carers

I will/We shall strive to:

- See that my child goes to school every day, on time and properly equipped.
- Inform the school of any concerns that might affect my child's progress.
- Inform the school immediately if my child is absent.
- Support the school's rules for good behaviour and uniform.
- Support my child in his/her homework.
- Attend Parent/Tutor Days/ Evenings and discussions about my child's progress.
- Read and sign the Academic Planner each week.
- Keep the school informed of any medical conditions or changes of circumstance e.g. Address/Emergency Contact or Telephone phone numbers.

The Student

As a member of The Thomas Aveling School, I will strive to:

- Attend school every day and arrive on time.
- Bring all the correct books and equipment when required including the Academic Planner.
- Wear the school uniform and be tidy in appearance.
- Do my homework and class-work to the best of my ability.
- Be polite and considerate and behave in an orderly way at all times, including to and from school.
- Keep the school free from graffiti and litter.
- Use my Academic Planner to organise myself.
- Follow the **School Rules** and **The Thomas Aveling Code of Conduct**.

The School

The Thomas Aveling School will strive to:

- Provide a safe caring environment for your child.
- Encourage your child to achieve his or her full potential as a valued member of The Thomas Aveling School community.
- Provide a balanced relevant curriculum.
- Encourage high standards of work and behaviour.
- Contact you if there are any concerns that affect your child's progress.
- Keep you regularly informed about your child's progress.
- Alert you if your child's attendance falls below 90%.
- Set and mark homework on a regular basis, providing facilities for your child to do homework after school.
- Arrange Parent/Tutor Day/ Evenings during which your child's progress and attainment will be discussed.
- Keep you informed about school activities through regular correspondence and newsletters

.Nb: A copy of the Home School Agreement will be given to every student/parent/carer on joining the school, signed by all parties, and retained in the student's file.

The Thomas Aveling School Rules

To build a caring and cohesive community

- Students must be polite, considerate and understanding of others at all times.
- Students must behave in an orderly manner at all times, including to and from school.
- Students need to observe a 'hands-off' policy - Bullying and fighting are forbidden.

To prevent Loss

- Media players, electronic games and other valuable items should not be brought into school. If they are brought into school, the school accepts no responsibility for their loss.
- No jewellery may be worn in school except a wristwatch and, if ears are pierced, one pair of discrete earrings (small studs) worn in the lobe only.
- 'Hoodies' or Denim coats may not be worn to school.

For Health and Safety

- Sandals with open toes and open heels may not be worn to school. Shoes with high heels, boots or platform shoes may not be worn, for safety reasons. Trainers or shoes that look like trainers are not to be worn in school. (Trainers may be worn as part of PE kit).
- Prescribed medicines/tablets must be handed in to Student Services on arrival clearly marked with instructions from parent/carer with a Medication Parental Agreement form.
- It is forbidden to use alcohol or illegal drugs on the school premises and it is also forbidden to bring either item to school.
- Smoking is forbidden on the school site or in the immediate vicinity of the school. Smoking paraphernalia may not be brought onto the school site.
- It is forbidden to bring into school: knives, any type of gun or items that could be considered to be an offensive weapon. It is equally forbidden to use any such item in the vicinity of the school.
- Aerosols, glass bottles, fizzy drinks or high energy drinks are not to be brought into school.
- No make-up should be worn in Years 7 and 8, because of the possible harm to a young skin. In Years 9 to 13, it should be so discreet as to be almost unnoticeable. Coloured nail varnish should not be worn. Long nail extensions should not be worn.
- Visible body piercing is forbidden in school.
- **The school will confiscate, retain or dispose of any items that are banned as outlined in the school rules and as it sees fit. The school will search, without consent, for those, or any other prohibited items. The school will follow Government guidelines in respect of informing the police for certain prohibited items.**

For the Smooth Running of the School

- Students must always conform to the school uniform and PE kit requirements.
- Extreme haircuts or styles are not allowed.
- Mobile 'phones must be out of sight and turned off throughout the school day, with the exception of break and lunch periods when they may be used outside of the school building.
The school takes no responsibility for their care or loss.
- Students are strictly forbidden to use mobile 'phones to take video sound or still images without the Headteacher's permission.
- Chewing gum is not to be brought into school.
- Students should only be in the designated areas of the buildings at break and lunch-time.
- Students are to eat in designated areas only.
- No students are allowed to leave the school at lunch or break times unless they have a pass. They must go straight home at the start of the lunch break and then return to school in time for the pm session. The office must be notified by parents if students are to go home to lunch and a lunch pass will be issued.

To ensure the learning of every student

- All students will be expected to fulfil the home learning requirements. Catch up sessions will be a sanction used from time to time where deadlines have not been met or out of lesson learning is not completed. Twenty-four hours' notice will usually be given to parents via the student's Academic Planner. These sessions will usually be completed by 4:15pm.