



HOME-SCHOOL UNDERSTANDING

An agreement between the school, parents/carers and pupils

At Elmfield School we regard the relationship between the school and its teachers and you as parents/carers as crucial to the successful development of your child in the school, and it goes without saying that we rely on a high level of trust between the school and all our parents/carers. This document attempts to summarise the main ways in which we need to work together in the best interests of the children in our care. We hope you will take this in the spirit in which it is intended: as a co-operative and supportive gesture for the children.

Elmfield undertakes to:

- Care for your child's safety and well-being, and to value him/her as a member of the school
- Provide a Steiner Waldorf curriculum and a curriculum relevant to any external qualifications being taken, in so far as is possible within the demands of the prevailing financial, political and social circumstances
- Maintain high standards of work and behaviour, always aiming to help your child reach his/her potential as far as possible in a school situation
- Monitor your child's progress and keep you regularly informed for example through Parents' Evenings, individual consultations and reports. We consider Parents' Evenings to be very important, both for the healthy development of the social life of the class and as a forum for important discussions and decisions. Parents' Evenings are the main vehicle through which we can explain our curriculum and its basis in the development of the growing child.
- Keep you informed about relevant school activities and developments, and ensure that important dates are publicised
- Offer opportunities for you to become involved in, and supporting of, the life of the school
- Offer opportunities for you to hear about and ask questions about the school's Waldorf and exam curriculum
- Engage in appropriate staff development in order to maximise potential
- Adhere to the school's published policies, available via the school's website or from the office

Signed

Name..... **Date**

on behalf of the College of Teachers



As parents/carers I/we undertake to support the school and my/our child through:

- Taking an active and positive interest in what my/our child is doing in school
- Ensuring that he/she attends school regularly, on time, and is properly equipped for the day
- Ensuring that he/she participates in all class trips and outings
- Making the school aware (through the class teacher/guardian) of circumstances that might affect work and behaviour, and also of the reason for any absence
- Complying with the Attendance Policy by not taking my child out of school for holidays etc.
- Supporting him/her in homework, practice or further activity as appropriate
- Ensuring he/she attends any detentions set or our homework club when required
- Attending Parents' Evenings. (If you are unable to attend, please send your apologies.)
- Abide by the school's published policies, available via the school's website or from the office
- Attending any meetings offered to discuss my child's development, progress or behaviour.
- Working constructively and civilly with the school to resolve difficulties and find a way forward
- Attending plays, concerts and performances that involve my/our child
- Reading and responding to any correspondence from the school without delay
- Taking an interest in and supporting the life of the school
- Maintaining financial agreements in accordance with the fees policy

I am/We are aware of the school's media policy, and undertake to be supportive of the work and reflections of the teachers in this regard.

I/We have read and understood the Home-School Understanding and the Parents' Handbook and agree to abide by the school's policies.

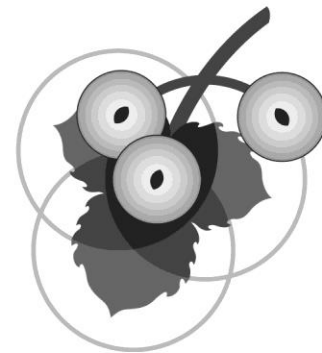
I/We will raise any concerns I/we may have with the school in a timely manner.

Signature **Name**

Signature **Name**

Date

Pupil's Name



For pupils in Class 8 and above:

As a pupil of Elmfield I will endeavour to:

- Make the most of the opportunities the school has to offer
- Attend on time and every day unless I am ill or have a medical appointment or other authorised reason for absence
- Participate in all class trips and outings
- Behave well and show respect for other people in the school, the property of the school and other people's property, and the school buildings and grounds
- Abide by the school's policies
- Follow instructions given by teachers, other members of staff and volunteers acting on behalf of the school
- Do my best in all lessons
- Complete all homework on time and to the best of my ability
- Bring the necessary equipment to school
- Make every effort to ensure that any correspondence passed to me for my parents/carers is delivered to them in good time

Signature of pupil

Name **Date**

Updated by Andy Plant (Education Lead) 12/03/20