



The Fernwood School

High Achievement with Care & Discipline for All"

Home/School Partnership Agreement



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The school will:

- ✚ Conduct all communication with the parents in a polite and respectful manner in accordance with the ethos of the school.
- ✚ Insist on high standards of both work and behaviour and develop students' sense of responsibility and belonging to the school.
- ✚ Provide a safe, well-ordered caring and healthy environment for students.
- ✚ Provide students with the opportunity to achieve their full potential by providing a balanced curriculum to meet their individual needs.
- ✚ Value students as individuals and give opportunities to them to express their views.
- ✚ Identify students' academic and personal needs and provide appropriate intervention and support where necessary.
- ✚ Provide an annual written report and opportunities to discuss students' progress, achievements and problems that might arise.
- ✚ Provide opportunities for parents to learn about and contribute to their child's education, and issues affecting life in school.

The parent(s)/carer(s) will:

- ✚ Conduct all communication with the school in a polite and respectful manner in accordance with the ethos of the school.
- ✚ Take responsibility for and monitor students' use of the computer/mobile phone and social media to ensure they are used appropriately and students are not putting themselves at risk.
- ✚ Support the School's Behaviour Policy and any sanctions issued.
- ✚ Ensure that students come to school regularly, on time, with the equipment that they need and in the correct school uniform.
- ✚ Attend parents' evenings and discussions about students' progress.
- ✚ Not take students out of school during term time.
- ✚ Ensure students complete their homework to a high standard and read for at least 20 minutes every day
- ✚ Support students' involvement in extracurricular activities.
- ✚ Inform the school about any problem which might affect students' work and behaviour.
- ✚ Check and sign the student planner each week.

The student will:

- ✚ Behave well, be polite, and respect all in our community.
- ✚ Obey the school rules and accept sanctions in an appropriate way.
- ✚ Show respect to school staff, fellow students, school property and the school environment.
- ✚ Not bring electronic devices, mobile phones, internet enabled watches, iPods, or any other valuables into school.
- ✚ Arrive at school and lessons on time.
- ✚ Bring the correct equipment for each day and look after it when in school.
- ✚ Follow the school rules with regard to school uniform and appearance.



- ✚ Work hard and do all their class work and any homework as well as they can.
- ✚ Act as Ambassadors when off the school premises.
- ✚ Keep their parent(s)/carer(s) informed and involved in their life at school.

Parental Consent

On 25th May 2018 the European Union General Data Protection Regulation, known as GDPR, came into effect. GDPR imposes additional obligations on the school and gives you extra rights around how your data is used. The Fernwood School requires parental consent for a variety of activities within the school, details of which follow. Consent for any of the areas outlined below can be given or retracted via the Parent App at any time during the school life of your child. Consent is valid for the duration your child attends school.

Digital Imagery

Digital imagery is an exciting medium, which can motivate and inspire students. Although associated risks are minimal, schools have a duty of care towards students.

The Fernwood School recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people. In accordance with our child protection policy, we will not permit photographs, videos or other images of students to be taken without the consent of the parents and students involved.

We will take all necessary steps to ensure that any images produced are used solely for the purpose for which they are intended. Photographs may be used:

- ✚ on our printed publications
- ✚ for display around the school
- ✚ in assemblies
- ✚ on the school website and official school social media
- ✚ tutor group/year groups photographs (these may be made available to other students/parents/carers of those in the group(s) to purchase)
- ✚ year 11 leavers book (these are made available to other students/parents/carers of those in the year group to purchase)

Responsible ICT Usage

The school uses computers with internet access to aid student learning. These rules help keep students safe. There will be serious consequences for inappropriate use of ICT.

Students must:

- ✚ Only access the system with their own login and password, which must be kept secret.
- ✚ Only access programs and web sites that are suitable for school work purposes.
- ✚ Not access other people's files.
- ✚ Only use the school computers for school work and homework.
- ✚ Not bring in memory sticks from outside school unless they have been given permission.
- ✚ Ask permission from a member of staff before using the internet.
- ✚ Only use the school email system for school work.



- ✎ Only send messages that are polite and responsible.
- ✎ Not give his or her home address or telephone number, or arrange to meet someone, unless a parent, carer or teacher has given permission.
- ✎ Report any unpleasant material or messages sent to them and understand this report would be confidential and would help protect other students and themselves.
- ✎ Understand that the school can check their computer files and will monitor their computer activity and internet use.
- ✎ Not enter chat rooms.
- ✎ Only use the Internet under staff supervision.
- ✎ Not copy from online resources without reference.

Without your consent, access to ICT will not be granted.

Physical Education Department

Due to covid restrictions and mitigations some fixtures have not taken place. When fixtures are back in place please be aware of the following. Due to risk assessment procedures we are asking for your help in ensuring we do all we can to ensure the safety of your children when away from school on sports fixtures.

All students will be taken to fixtures and back to school in the transport we provide, unless, the student has written permission in their homework diary to stay at the venue, be given a lift by another parent/carers or be dropped off at an agreed place. Students will be given an approximate time of return for all events.

Fixture lists are available on the school website under PE Calendar. Where possible students will have knowledge of these a number of weeks in advance. However, as you can appreciate, there is a need for many fixtures to be arranged or rearranged at short notice, e.g. knock out cups etc. Cancellations will be communicated to students as soon as known.

The Physical Education Department aims to ensure that all parents of those students involved in extracurricular fixtures know where their children are and who they are with. For all away fixtures there is a list of students left at the office, and in cases of uncertainty contact can be made up to 4pm each evening.

Fernwood School Physical Education Department has risk assessment policies in place for fixtures. All enquiries relating to this should be made to the Head of Department for Physical Education.

Throughout Physical Education lessons and participating in extracurricular activities, everyone has the right to learn and the right to be safe. Therefore, all students are expected to show respect and tolerance for each other at all times. When representing the school students should demonstrate the expected standards and values expected at Fernwood School; anybody not demonstrating this may be sanctioned according to the school behaviour policy. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you of the need to keep the school informed of any existing medical conditions or changes, which may put your child at risk during extracurricular activities and PE lessons. Students should bring PE kit and a note explaining their medical condition if



they are unable to participate in a lesson and inform a member of staff ASAP if they cannot attend a fixture.

We would be grateful if you could give consent, via the Parent App, to your child being involved in extracurricular activities and travelling in different vehicles such as min-buses, coaches and staff vehicles.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the fixtures once they are up and running again.

Please ensure your child has the correct protective equipment/kit appropriate for their lesson.

Futures Advice, Skills and Employment

Futures Advice, Skills and Employment is owned jointly by Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. We are contracted by them to:

- ✿ provide information, advice and guidance
- ✿ to promote effective participation in education or training to all young people age 13-19
- ✿ to promote effective participation in education or training to all young people age 13-25 who have additional needs

The Fernwood School is required, for those students who live or receive their education in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire, to share the following; name, date of birth, age, address, school attended and postcode, contact details, race, gender, what they are studying, any difficulties they may have and how and where they are getting support.

We require your consent to share this information.

Cashless Catering/Library

We operate contactless cashless catering and library systems within the school. Your child will be issued with a temporary 4-digit PIN code for use at breaks and lunch times for purchasing food/drink. Once your child's photo has been taken, a contactless ID card and lanyard will be issued to them. This card can be used for food/drink purchases and for borrowing library books. The following rules apply;

- ✿ ID/Lanyard should be worn at all times
- ✿ They should not be shared with other students – catering and library do see a photo on screen when the card is scanned and should be refusing to serve if the card does not match the person
- ✿ If the card is lost or damaged such that it cannot be used their tutor should be notified as soon as possible; the tutor will request a replacement. In this circumstance, the student PIN can be used for lunch/breaks to continue buying food. In worst case scenario catering and library teams can search by name, but this significantly slows the queues
- ✿ The first replacement card will be provided for free. Subsequent replacements will cost £1 and be charged directly to their parent pay account



The Fernwood School Drugs Policy

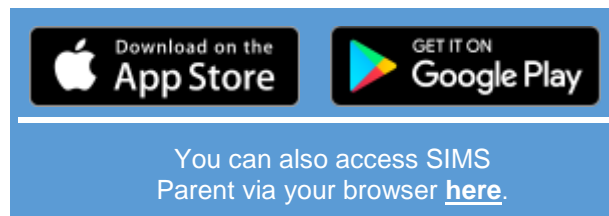
The full policy can be found at <http://www.fernwoodschool.org.uk/about-us/policies/>

We understand that if any student:

- ✿ is in possession of drugs in school
- ✿ passes drugs or substances alleged to be drugs on to another student
- ✿ asks another student to get drugs for them in school

they are likely to be permanently excluded.

Please ensure you register for Parent App to check that your information and child's information is correct and give your consent where appropriate.



If you have not received your Capita SIMS Online Services invitation email within the first week of term in September 2021 please check your junk mail for this email. If not found please contact the school.