



# The Fernwood School

*High Achievement with Care & Discipline for All"*

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## Home/School Partnership Arrangement 2024/25

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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.
  - 📌 Not record phone conversations or meetings without consent. Were this to happen communication will be limited to email i.e. no face to face or phone call communication.
  - 📌 Communication involving racist or homophobic language will be terminated.
- 📌 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.
- 📌 Support and encourage students in homework and reading and involvement in extracurricular activities.
- 📌 Inform the school about any problem which might affect students' work and behaviour.
- 📌 Understand that in a busy school it is not always possible to respond within 24 hours and that appointments need to be made in advance.
- 📌 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.

## The Fernwood School Drugs Policy

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.

## Vaping

In response to the alarming rise in vaping the school takes a very stringent stance on vaping.

- Vapes are not allowed in school
- Students caught in possession of a vape in school, or having smoked a vape in school, will receive a 5-day Fixed Term external suspension.



## Social Media including Mobile Phones

- School will not intervene with issues between students that arise on social media or web spaces, unless this causes a direct problem in school or is to the detriment of the school's reputation.
- Where direct problems have arisen in school the school will seek information from parent(s)/carer(s) as to their strategy for ensuring that this is not repeated. This will prevent further upset to students and their families and wasting staff resource.
- If there are issues between students on social media, we advise parents to click the 'report abuse' button and shut down the social media account.

## Support for Sanctions

- The school has very high expectations in terms of student behaviour to reinforce our core values of being respectful, responsible, ready to learn and safe.
- If sanctions (and follow-up intervention work) are needed, we ask that parents/carers fully support sanctions issued by the school
- An internal suspension in our Internal Exclusion Room is the most robust sanction we issue before consideration of an external suspension.