

**Bedford Free School Home School Agreement**

Going the extra mile – the commitment by Bedford Free School

**We believe that every student at BFS is capable of academic and personal success and that it is through hard work on the part of your child, with our support, that their potential will be realised.**

**Learning**

- We will make sure we always come to lessons prepared and engage students in the challenging work that paves the way for success in school and life.
- We will provide rewards for students' endeavours.
- We will set appropriate homework regularly.
- We will take our students on relevant, exciting trips.
- We will constantly strive to become better educators.

**Pastoral care**

- We will ensure that each student's Form Teacher will follow each of their tutees' progress and ensure that all individual needs are met.
- We will go out of our way to get to know each of our students as individuals.
- We will care about our students' wellbeing, and protect their safety at all times.

**Parent-school communication**

- We believe that through regular communication, a relationship of trust between school and home can be created.
- We will hold parent meetings at least twice a year and issue attainment reports at regular intervals.
- We will make sure that students and parents will be able to contact their teacher by phone and email and will reply to all communications from parents as soon as possible, usually within 48 hours.
- We will collect and check homework when we say we will, and if it is not complete, we will contact parents the same day to inform them that their child will be staying to catch up their homework that evening.
- We promise to welcome parents into the school community.

**Discipline**

- We will reinforce the Bedford Free School values consistently and fairly.
- We will protect pupils from bad behaviour by insisting on high standards and holding pupils to account for their actions.

We understand that this commitment will require us to go above and beyond the average expectations of a school. We sign it voluntarily because we believe that Bedford Free School is a partnership between the parents and the staff that exists to create the best possible education for our students.

On behalf of the Governing Body:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position at the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Going the extra mile – the commitment by parents/carers

**I believe my child is capable of academic and personal success and that it is through hard work on the part of my child, with my support, that their potential will be realised.**

**Learning**

- I will allow my child to go on school field and residential trips.
- I understand that my child will have homework set regularly, including weekends, and that the expectations in terms of time allocated to do it will increase in length as they progress through the school. It is my responsibility to see that homework is completed.
- I understand if homework is not completed my child will have to attend after school Extended Prep, usually on the same day, which will last 45 minutes.

**Healthy living**

- I will only drop my child off in the designated travel plan place of Melbourne Street Carpark, (and absolutely NOT outside school)
- I understand that the school will encourage a healthy lifestyle, and I support the choices made by the school in this respect.
- I will give my child healthy food and drinks to take to school.
- I will encourage my child to take part in sports and physical activities.

**Attendance**

- I will ensure my child arrives to school before the school gate closes at 8:25am.
- I will not plan for family holidays or other extended absences during term time.
- I will make certain that my child attends school every day, except in cases of illness or another legitimate reason.
- If my child is absent, I will telephone the school before 8:15 a.m. on each day of absence to report why my child is absent and send a letter to explain their absence on the first day of their return.
- I understand that all measures taken to support absences are compulsory and non-negotiable.

**Uniform and Equipment**

- I will make sure my child wears the full school uniform neatly to school each day.
- I will make sure that my child has their full and correct equipment each day.
- I understand that uniform and equipment violations may result in my child being kept out of lessons, sent home to collect the items or us bringing the proper items to school.

**Parent-school communication**

- I will always make myself available to the school by providing an up-to-date phone number and contact details.
- I will communicate with the school in a timely and polite manner, in line with the School's values.
- I will read all reports carefully, attend all parent meetings and check and sign my child's Achievement Card each week.

**Discipline**

- I have understood the Bedford Free School values and accept and support the School's consequences for misbehaviour.
- I understand that detentions usually happen on the day that they are given, and that the standard detention will last 45 minutes.
- I understand that my child cannot be excused from detention or any other after school intervention.

I sign this commitment voluntarily because I believe that Bedford Free School is a partnership between the parents and the school that exists to create the best possible education for my child.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name and relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Going the extra mile – the commitment by students of Bedford Free School

**I will GO THE EXTRA MILE to learn.**

- I will arrive to school before the school gate closes at 8:25am.
- I will always work, think, and behave in the best way I know how, and I will go the extra mile for my BFS peers and me to learn.
- I will speak to my teachers if I do not understand something.
- I will complete all my homework to the best of my ability and hand it in on time.
- I will remain after school for Extended Prep on any day that my homework is not neat and complete or if I hand in my homework late.
- I will discuss any problems I am having at school with my parents and teachers.

**I will GO THE EXTRA MILE to build a safe and respectful community.**

- I will wear correct uniform smartly every day.
- I will keep any electronic devices out of sight and switched off, and understand that they will be confiscated if they are seen or heard anywhere on school premises
- I agree to abide by the school code of conduct and understand there will be consequences if I fail to do so.

- I will conduct myself in line with the school values whilst in and out of school as I accept that as a pupil at the school I am an ambassador at all times.
- I will always treat everyone at BFS with respect. I will always listen to and care for my BFS peers.
- I am responsible for my own behaviour.

**I believe I am capable of academic and personal success. I am ready to go the extra mile to realise my potential.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil name: \_\_\_\_\_