



**FORGE
VALLEY
SCHOOL**
& SIXTH FORM

Forge Valley School



Home School Agreement

Establishing Expectations
School, Pupils & Parents

2026

AMBITION | ENDEAVOUR | SUCCESS

Introduction

Welcome to Forge Valley School

At Forge Valley School, our dedicated staff holds high aspirations for every pupil, and we are committed to ongoing development to secure their future success. We uphold exceptional standards of education and discipline through collaboration among staff, pupils, and parents.

One of our greatest strengths lies in our approach to treating each child as a unique individual. We strive to offer the space, time, and opportunities necessary for our pupils to reach their fullest potential. Our strong focus on pupil care ensures we cultivate a pleasant, happy, and secure environment where respect is paramount.

We invite all prospective pupils and their parents to come and visit us, where a warm welcome awaits you.





As a **School** we will:



Teaching & Learning

- Provide a caring atmosphere
- Offer a wide and varied timetable to challenge and motivate pupils
- Recognise and reward achievement and good progress
- Match teaching to pupils' needs



Homework

- Set homework that develops learning in the classroom



Communication

- Use Pupil Planners and reports to keep parents informed
- Arrange regular Parents' Events and involve parents in setting targets
- Help pupils when they experience difficulties
- Listen to you and your child and respond to your suggestions, thoughts, ideas and concerns about any aspect of school life



Powerful Moments

- Extra-curricular
- Residential and trips



Behaviour & Discipline

- Use Positive Discipline to ensure everyone feels happy and safe
- Make sure staff, pupils and parents know what behaviour is expected from everyone
- Take a firm stand against
- bullying and disruptive antisocial behaviour which interferes with others' learning and wellbeing
- Reward and sanction pupils when appropriate
- Ensure the safety of your child.



Attendance

- Contact parents when pupils are absent from the school without an explanation from home
- Recognise and reward good attendance
- Challenge and support children and parents to ensure good attendance





As Pupils I/We should try to:

✓ Teaching & Learning

- Come to school ready to learn with the correct equipment
- Do all my class work to the best of my ability
- Complete all work set in the time given
- Take part in all aspects of school life

✓ Homework

- Record and take home any work set
- Complete homework set and return it to my teacher on time
- Complete homework to the best of my ability

✓ Communication

- Take home letters, notes and reports and give them to parents/carers
- Take home my Pupil Planner and share it with my parents/carers
- Talk to my parents/carers and teachers about any worries I have in or out of the school

✓ Behaviour

- Show kindness, courtesy and consideration to staff, other pupils and visitors
- Respect the school environment (property)
- Keep the school smart and tidy (litter-free)
- Do not bully others
- Follow the school rules
- Accept sanctions and listen to feedback when I do wrong
- Work with the school to find solutions to my behaviour if it is not good
- Behave in a way which reflects the British Values which we uphold as a school

✓ Attendance

- Come to the school every day
- Be on time
- Wear the school uniform correctly and look smart

✓ Mobile Phones

- Do not bring a mobile phone onto the school site





As Parents/ Carers I/We should try to:



Teaching & Learning

- Take an interest in my child's learning
- Praise my child for efforts, good work and participation in school life
- Ensure that my child is actively supported in undertaking homework and any work missed through absence



Behaviour

- Actively support the school in promoting Positive Discipline and eradicate bullying in all its forms
- Give praise at home for good behaviour at the school
- Accept that there may be times when sanctions and punishments are required



Homework

- Encourage learning at home
- Offer help and encouragement with homework
- Ensure homework is recorded in their Pupil Planner and completed on time
- Encourage my child to read regularly at home



Attendance

- Ensure that children arrive to school on time, every day, properly equipped to learn and in the correct uniform
- Let the school know as soon as possible the reasons why my child is absent
- Ensure that all holidays are taken during school holiday time
- Inform the school on the first day of any absence



Communication

- Share information that may impact my child's work, behaviour, or well-being
- Monitor and sign the school pupil planner for homework quality and completion weekly
- Inform the school of any changes at home affecting learning
- Attend Parents' Evening and related meetings about my child
- Raise concerns directly and respectfully with the school
- To withdraw a child from Relationships and Sex Education, notify the school in writing to the Headteacher for a follow-up discussion



Our Expectations



Safe and Appropriate use of Mobile Phones



In School

- Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones onto school site
- The school is not responsible for damage to or loss of mobile phones
- Pupils seen using a mobile phone on school site, both inside and outside of the building, will have their mobile phone confiscated
- Confiscated mobile phones will be stored securely in the school office
- Parents must come into school to collect their child's mobile phone the next day
- Mobile phones will not be returned to pupils
- Pupils who do not cooperate with our policy on mobile phones, e.g. not handing over a mobile phone to staff, will be sanctioned

At Home

- No contact via mobile phones with your child throughout the school day. Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones onto school site
- Discuss the pros and cons of the internet and social media
- Limit the usage of mobile phones with regards to social media usage for your child's health & wellbeing
- Support school in making children aware of how to be safe on all digital platforms
- Encourage a 'no phone' time at home on evenings and weekends
- Set up parental controls and restrictions on computers/laptops/ phones to prevent access to inappropriate content, privacy violations, data theft, cyberbullying, and online predators
- Set up 'silence notifications' on mobile phones on a night to support your child in having a healthy sleep
- Check the Forge Valley School website for any updates regarding online safety
- Look at using apps that are designed to keep people safe such as 'life 360' to ensure your child's protection outside of home and school
- Online incidents outside of school hours are the responsibility of the parent. The school will aid in signposting parents to the appropriate agencies





Use of **Social Media** sites

The inappropriate use of social media to target schools, staff, or other pupils is deemed unacceptable and not in the best interest of the school community.

Concerns should be addressed through proper channels, such as contacting a child's Form Tutor or Head of Year. Any defamatory comments on social networking sites will be reported, and those responsible will be required to remove such content.

The school may consider legal action for serious misuse and will treat cyberbullying as a significant incident. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's phone use and ensure compliance with age restrictions on social media.



Use of our **Learning Resource Centre** materials

At Forge Valley School, all pupils have access to an extensive library of digital and physical resources available to borrow from the Learning Resource Centre.

These resources are school property and should be treated as a part of the building itself. If items are borrowed and not returned or otherwise returned in a state in which they cannot be loaned to others, fines may be issued to you as a parent/carer up to the cost of the lost/damaged items.



Home School Agreement

As a School

By signing this document, we acknowledge that we have read and understand our values concerning:

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|--|---|
| ☒ Teaching & Learning | ☒ Communication |
| ☒ Behaviour & Discipline | ☒ Attendance |
| ☒ Homework | |

Signed: *J Watson*

Dated: 2026

PRINTED: Mr J Watson
Head of School

As a Pupil

By signing this document, we acknowledge that we have read and understand our values concerning:

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| ☐ Behaviour & Discipline | ☐ Attendance |
| ☐ Homework | ☐ Mobile Phones |

Signed:

Dated:

PRINTED:

As a Parent/Carer

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Forge Valley Values

Forge Valley Pillars are our school values which help you grow into a confident and successful learner.



Get in Touch

If you have any questions or concerns about this document just get in touch — we're always happy to help.

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