



LETTER FROM THE GOVERNORS

The Governors and Staff welcome our new parents to Highcliffe School and would like to convey our thanks for your active support during your child's time with the school. We are very proud of our inclusive school community and believe that by working together we are able to achieve outcomes for our students that really matter.

As parents, you have an important role to play in supporting both your child and the school. Here are some examples:

- Encouraging and promoting respect and appreciation for the community and school environment.
- Engaging positively with the school in bringing to our attention and/or helping to resolve issues that affect well-being and success.
- Ensuring that your child has excellent attendance at school, is punctual and arrives fully equipped. The school expects attendance for each student to be above 97% each year and will accept only legitimate reasons for absence.
- Attending parents' evenings, tutor evenings and other information events
- Avoiding traffic congestion and potential hazards at the main school gate.
- Providing full school uniform, PE kit and equipment, and ensuring compliance with the Dressed and Ready to Learn policy.
- Providing a warm, private space for home study and assisting with home study where appropriate.
- Supporting and attending performing arts events in music, dance and drama.
- Encouraging and facilitating your child's involvement in extra-curricular sport and clubs.
- Actively encouraging your child to participate in trips, visits and other extra-curricular activities
- Where applicable, ensuring that your child attends catch up and booster classes.
- Being supportive of the school's processes and management structure by raising any concerns to the right member of staff and escalating where appropriate.
- Providing advice and guidance on appropriate usage of mobile phones and social media

We also seek the support of our parent community in the following areas:

- Being a Governor of the school.
- Providing opportunities for work experience and work-related projects or activities.
- Being able and willing to make a voluntary and valuable contribution to school funds.

Overall, you can support your child and work in partnership with Highcliffe School by investing time, care, love and support to help your child develop strong self-esteem, confidence, positive values and a capability to learn well from an early age.

Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Chair of Governors