Stepgates Community School

Home~School Agreement
2026-2027

At Stepgates Community School everyone has the opportunity to learn and grow together, as independent, enthusiastic and confident learners, in an inclusive, creative, healthy environment.

Stepgates Community School is a school of the community for the community consistently providing …

- an outstanding curriculum that challenges all children;
- a safe, happy, caring environment;
- inclusive opportunities for all.

We aim for everyone in our school community to …

- be healthy, happy and active people;
- stay safe and know how to make the right choices;
- believe in ourselves and achieve more than we thought possible;
- make a positive contribution to our family, school local and global community;
- encourage enquiring, creative and responsible learning;
- be prepared for life in the 21st century as responsible citizens.

We aim for our school to …

- embed our school values in all that we do
  – respect, collaboration, resilience, integrity, compassion, courage, pride;
- promote our ethos that takes pride in our school and community;
- provide a creative, inspiring curriculum based on innovative practice in teaching and learning;
- embed parental involvement in their children's learning through school activities and after school activities and clubs.

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As a pupil at Stepgates school, I will follow our Code of Conduct.

I know that the School Rules are:

- Always do your best
- Listen and follow instructions carefully
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Be fair and take turns
- Look after other peoples' belongings
- Be polite and show respect for others

I will also:

- tell adults if I have a problem;
- wear school uniform every day;
- leave any jewellery at home except my watch;
- only bring to school the things I need for learning e.g. PE kit;
- be in class on time for each lesson, ready to learn;
- stay in my classroom/school until I am given permission to leave.

Pupil's name & signature…… Date: September 2026

As a parent(s) / carer of a Stepgates child I will:

- act as a good example to my/our child and encourage them to follow the Stepgates Code of Conduct;
- show a positive attitude towards what my/our child does in school and support him/her in completing any homework set;
- attend, if possible, any assemblies or performances where my/our child is taking part;
- attend Open Evenings to discuss my/our child's progress and any other relevant meetings;
- make sure that my/our child wears school uniform every day and brings with them only what they need, for example PE kit;
- make sure that my/our child is in school by 8.45am every day;
- make sure that my child attends school everyday and provide a note of explanation if my/our child is absent;
- support the school in the implementation of this agreement;
- follow Stepgates Community School Social Media Policy as follows:

  The school encourages all members of the community in the same responsible and respectful use of social media that is taught to pupils. All matters regarding the school are to be communicated via appropriate channels so that they may be dealt with fairly and effectively for all concerned. Parents/carers are reminded to use existing structures when making any complaint about the school or a member of staff. If at any time during the child's time at Stepgates Community school, a parent wishes to make a complaint, then they are advised to follow the school's Complaint Policy and Procedure which can be found on the school website. We recommend that all parents and carers refrain from using social networking sites to discuss sensitive issues about the school.

  Abusive, libellous or defamatory comments on social media (including WhatsApp groups etc.) regarding the school, staff or pupils will be reported to the site's 'report abuse' section, or School's Admin Team, for immediate removal. Procedures on how the school will deal with such issues are outlined in The School's Social Media Policy, Appendix A: What to do if a complaint is made on Social Networking by a Parent or Carer.

Parent's name & signature(s):…… Date: September 2026

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At our school, staff will …

- ensure that children feel recognised as individual and unique people who have much to offer as well as to learn;
- provide a safe and secure environment for children's learning;
- provide a balanced curriculum to support each child's personal, social and academic learning;
- encourage children to keep to Stepgates school rules and to take responsibility for their own actions and behaviour;
- have high expectations of work and behaviour, and praise good behaviour and work;
- be open and welcoming and offer opportunities for families to be involved in the life of the school.

Head teacher's signature: Mrs Ford Date: September 2026

Teaching staff will…

- encourage a safe, calm, purposeful and happy atmosphere within the school;
- encourage children to behave well and to do their best at all times;
- encourage children to take care of their surroundings and others around them;
- inform parents of their child's progress at regular meetings;
- inform parents if significant concerns arise about how their child is behaving or progressing in school;
- set homework and inform parents about the curriculum on a regular basis.

Teacher's signature: Date: September 2026