



NEWTON AGREEMENTS AND PERMISSIONS... PLEASE READ!

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

Newton is a busy school and we pride ourselves on showcasing all the opportunities and experiences that we give to our children. We know the vast majority of families thrive on seeing their children featured in our social media, assemblies, productions and beyond. We want this partnership to continue! Please read this document through – it is not exhaustive but does ask that you sign off permission to a number of experiences and acknowledge other information. In essence, none are really new (and all are common sense) but we have added clarity in parts. We also ask you to acknowledge our expectations in regard to families' behaviour, where related to our schools. Please note – signing is on behalf of the 'family' and will be acknowledged as such. Additional copies of this form are available.

SCHOOL PRACTICE!

IMAGES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We regularly feature what we do through Class Dojo, Youtube, Instagram and beyond (although there are some Facebook/Whatsapp groups aligned with school year groups, these are run externally). These have proved to be an excellent, and very popular, source of communication and celebration – especially with real-time updates from school trips/residentials and regular snapshots of school life. The children are also delighted when they can 're-live' experiences away from the school site, via these many channels. With safeguards in place, we are very keen to continue this.

We ask permission for your child's image to be used on the Newton Class Dojo system.

We ask permission for your child's image to be used on the affiliated Newton Instagram account.

We ask permission for your child to feature in any assembly videos (these are hosted on **Youtube**, embedded onto the school website and the links tweeted out)

We ask you to acknowledge that where a child's image features, only a first name will be attached – no surnames will be used. Typically, no names will be used at all.

OFF-SITE OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the varied nature and content of off-site experiences, **separate letters will follow for these events**. The below is to be agreed in conjunction with any additional information.

We ask permission for your child to take part in any local, off-site activity (e.g. walking to the church etc...) where staffing ratios are in line with the school policy.

We ask permission for your child to take part in, and be transported to, any sports fixtures or inter-school events. Letters will be sent for each event with transport details etc...

We ask permission for your child to attend 'further afield' trips (e.g. Stanwick Lakes, Wicksteed Park) and residentials, where coach travel is necessary (these will always be supported by a letter with significant detail) We ask you to understand that you need to have checked the details of these in good time in order for more permissions to be processed.

YOUR PRACTICE – WHAT WE ASK OF YOU!

PHOTO TAKING AND SHARING

We appreciate that families want to take footage of their children in their many roles in school – Sharing Assemblies, Productions, Music Evenings, Sports Days etc... Capturing these memories is essential! However, we need a clear expectation around what families are permitted to do with this content. This differs from what we can do as a school because we are actively seeking permission from families – this is not possible 'between families'.

We ask you to acknowledge that families are permitted to take photos and video footage at a whole range of school events and that your child may be featured in these (in the background etc...)

We ask you to acknowledge that you are permitted to take photos and video footage at said events **but that it must not be shared on social media if it features other children** (e.g. if they have not been cropped out) – this includes 'closed' Facebook groups.

We ask you to acknowledge that you can share photos/videos etc... taken by the school (through retweeting them, sharing on various media) as these have all been 'signed off' by the school and families.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We use social media at Newton but we do not have school Facebook accounts. We are aware that there may be Facebook/WhatsApp groups associated with, but not endorsed by, the school. For the most part, these are used to share information about the school and provide handy reminders and insights between families. There can be discrepancies however between what different families feel is appropriate to be posted onto social media and what needs directing immediately to the school.

We see ourselves very much as an 'open door' school – if a member of the Leadership Team is not immediately available to discuss an issue then arrangements will be made to do so as soon as possible. We can clarify, confirm, deny or investigate most issues that arise – it is not helpful if these are speculated on Facebook or other social media.

We ask that you do not use social media to make derogatory comments or post photographs which could bring staff into disrepute, including making comments about children, governors or the wider school community

ON-SITE BEHAVIOUR

We have an expectation that all adults on school site are positive role models to all children – and therefore expect all adults to behave as such.

Dogs (unless individually risk-assessed by the school and in for a planned/educational purpose) are not permitted on the school site, whether on a lead or held.

Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school site, at any time (this includes out-of-school-time events).

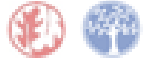
We ask you to acknowledge that your behaviour on school site is your own responsibility and that it should in no way threaten, intimidate or undermine others. This includes your behaviour towards children, staff, governors and members of other families.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We expect all children to look 'Newton Neat' at all times. Our uniform expectations are below:

NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024 UNIFORM

Regular School Uniform	P.E. Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White polo shirt - with or without school logo• Black or dark grey trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafore dresses• Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan – with or without school logo• Light blue checked summer dress/skirt/shorts• Plain black shoes – trainer style are acceptable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white crew neck tee shirt – with or without school logo• Black or navy shorts• Black or navy jogging bottoms - for colder weather• Black or navy crew neck sweatshirt (not hoodie) - for colder weather• Plain black trainers



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GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) expectations mean that we need updated permissions for every child – this affects many, but not all, of the statements below. Please read all the Agreement Statements below and then log onto My Child At School (MCAS) to confirm that you have understood and agree to them all.

Agreement Statements

The school will intervene where my child's online behaviour negatively impacts on relationships in school.

I will update the school on any medical conditions/allergies my child has and ensure that any on-site medication is in-date.

I acknowledge that the weekly Newton Newsletter is the foremost forms of communication.

I acknowledge that families are permitted to take photos/videos of events but are asked not to share them on social media.

I will not use social media to make derogatory comments about children, staff or the wider school community.

I acknowledge the school uniform expectations.

I acknowledge that I must not bring dogs onto the school site (without prior permission), nor am I allowed to smoke or vape on site.

I acknowledge that my behaviour on school site is my responsibility and that it should not undermine, threaten or intimidate others.

I acknowledge that the school are inclusive and will put a number of strategies in place to ensure all children can take part in all activities and opportunities. Where this becomes unsafe or presents a risk however, the school will discuss this with me and may put alternative provision in place.

Each academic year amendments may be made to the statements above and will therefore require a new agreement via MCAS, and a new request will be sent home.

I know that I can give my consent, or withhold it, and that I can change my mind at any time.