



David Ross Education Trust

Broadening Horizons

Delivering a world-class education together

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Principal

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What we will be discussing today



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1. Sharing with you our academy's plans for 2018
2. What it means for your child to attend a David Ross Education Trust academy
3. The standards and expectations for all of us to ensure we deliver a world-class education together for your child
4. Sharing with you important feedback from last month's parent survey and our response



Our mission: a world-class education for your child



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“Our mission is to give every child attending one of our schools a world-class education. We achieve this through our Trust’s unique culture, where delivering academic excellence and embracing the value of enrichment and citizenship are at the heart of who we are, and what we do as an organisation.

“David Ross Education Trust schools create rich and exciting learning environments that inspire our students to become their confident, academic best through a broad and balanced curriculum.”

Rowena Hackwood

Chief Executive Officer
David Ross Education Trust



We believe that children in our academy have a right to a world-class education and we are focusing all our efforts in achieving this objective

On the path to world-class

- We believe that education should be deep, knowledge-based and challenging

Why this matters to your child:

- All children should be taught an interesting, stimulating and challenging curriculum by inspiring experts

So we are:

- **Recruiting outstanding teachers and leaders – only the best will do**
- **Training teachers at Havelock in partnership with the best universities**
- **Continually developing teachers with our Routes CPD programme**
- **Designing the best curriculum following the EBACC model**
- **Linking with world-class industries and employers such as Siemens**

World-class enrichment

- We believe that all children at our school should have access to a broad range of enrichment opportunities

Why this matters to your child:

- Children with broad horizons enjoy improved attendance, are better equipped for the work place, better citizens and perform better in their studies

So we are providing:

- **Competitive sports (football, rugby, basketball, netball), inclusion sports (boccia, dodge-ball, racket sport) and sports that other schools do not access (swimming)**
- **An Arts programme that covers Music, Dance, Drama, Art giving your child the opportunity to be part of the choir, various bands and be part of a big production.**
- **Trip, visits and fixtures to a wide range of events**

Academy of choice in our community

- Our focus on communities means that we want to be the first choice academy for children in our localities

Why this matters to your child:

- Every child should have a world-class education where they live irrespective of their parents' ability to pay

So we are:

- **Working in partnership with our feeder primaries to support learning**
- **Attending events at primary academies so we get to know pupils and families well**
- **Hosting special induction events for KS2 students**
- **Providing free enrichment, trips and visits**
- **Providing facilities for our community free of charge**

How being part of our Trust gives your child once in a lifetime opportunities



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In order to deliver a world-class education, we work with world-renowned organisations that are specialists in their fields.

Through their support we can further enrich the learning experiences of your child, and provide once in a lifetime opportunities and experiences that are truly unique to our academy as part of the David Ross Education Trust.



Parents and carers as partners Working together to deliver your child's world-class education



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- When your child enters our academy, we begin a **partnership**
- The **single** biggest impact on your child's education is **your involvement** in their education
- We expect all of our parents and carers to help their child be a **successful learner**
- In return, we will do everything we can to ensure your child gets the **very best education they deserve**
- Across our Trust's 34 schools, we are introducing a **'home-school' agreement**
- It sets out what we, you and your son or daughter will commit to, to set them up for success in the future
- We are asking all parents and pupils to **sign and return** these to form tutors school by **12th January 2018 (ARD)**
- Reminders will be sent to parents

	School will always	Home will always	Pupils will always
Being ready to learn Being ready to learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an enriched curriculum which maintains with challenging learning activities Ensure that each pupil has the opportunities, support and guidance to ensure that full potential and become their confident, excellent best Ensure a positive classroom culture for learning Meet and support students at the start of each lesson Use regular assessment to track pupil progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take an active interest in what my child is learning Support our school's world-class education expectations Encourage my child to work hard and have a positive attitude to school and their learning Prepare my child for the day ahead by talking about their learning Attend parent evenings, events and meetings and share feedback with teachers Ensure my child attends compulsory intervention sessions to improve their learning to a standard level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a positive attitude and come to school ready to learn Work hard in all lessons and prepare well ready Enter classrooms quietly and calmly and know where to sit and how to prepare for my study Get straight into learning on entering the classroom Listen, ask questions and engage in lessons - appreciate the insight in other people's views Reflect on their achievements and improve their ideas Complete homework preparation for the next day's lessons
Attending school Being on time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact parents on the first day of an absence Contact and help parents whose children regularly miss school / come late to school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knows that my child attends school every day and on time Always tell the school as soon as possible about any absence and the reason for it Make sure that any missed work has been caught up Adhere to not taking children on holiday during term time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school every day Start lessons on time every day
Being great role models In school, at home and in our communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure our behaviour policy creates a safe and caring environment Treat everyone with respect Make sure that all staff, pupils and parents know our expectations for behaviour Consistently implement behaviour policy rewards and sanctions Teach British values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give positive role model for a positive attitude at school and starting each school day ready to learn Work with the school to find the best solutions in cases of unacceptable behaviour Support the school's disciplinary decisions Support the school's teaching of British values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an ambassador for our school in our academy and in our communities Treat all people respectfully in a manner appropriate to their culture Respect and uphold British values Understand the importance of learning from mistakes and building up individual and personal resilience Keep to school and class rules Take pride in their school environment
Working hard at home Embracing new life experiences at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep parents informed about homework Provide materials and practical advice on how to support homework Provide practical advice on how to support reading at home Provide a range of helpful study support activities Provide a host of available extra-curricular enrichment opportunities to help pupils broaden their experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage my child to do homework and sign the school planner each week Give my child the time and quiet space for their homework and to make sure it is completed Encourage my child to read every day and encourage the reading of books from the 'read with me' reading list Encourage my child to participate in sports, music, arts and outdoor leisure opportunities at school Allow my child to attend off-site visits as part of their learning experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete all homework set and return it to school on time Read every day Use my planner to organise my homework and record my achievements Take part in my school's sports, music, arts and outdoor leisure opportunities
Supporting extra-curricular activities in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure parents have timely information about their child's progress, behaviour and school matters Make sure that parents are informed about what their child is learning Make sure they know to contact and support concerns and do the best to help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell school about anything that may affect my child's learning or behaviour Attend parent evenings and school events Share concerns promptly and directly with the school Sign up and use the school's Moodle app to keep regularly updated on my child's progress and school news 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk letters, notes and reports home and give them to my parent/ carer Talk with my parents and teachers about any worries in school Tell a teacher if there anything that may be affecting my learning and know where to seek support
Having pride in our appearance being ready for school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your child's uniform, planner and equipment daily Wear smart and professional business attire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure my child wears the correct school uniform to the school's standards and has clean, polishable shoes Make sure that my child arrives at school with the correct equipment and books Support the collection of loaned items e.g. mobile phones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear the correct school uniform every day with pride at all times and to our school's standards Come to school with the correct equipment and books

Working in partnership to deliver a world-class education together

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Our Home-School agreement

A message from our academy's sponsor on the difference
working in partnership makes



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What we're doing well

- Sending you regular updates about your child
- Letting you know about events in school
- Letting you know about anything that is a concern
- Providing a good education for your child
- Enrichment opportunities

How we will keep up the good work

- Improve PSEngage and MyAPP
- Ask for your views more regularly
- Have more face to face events
- Publish your feedback and act on it – 'You said. We did.'

What needs to improve

- Explaining more about the grading system at GCSE
- Sending only one lot of communication if you have more than one child
- Reducing the number of supply staff
- Improving your engagement in the school
- Having a Parent Forum/PTA

What we are doing to improve

- Write to you again and regularly about what the grades mean
- Send home progress reports each half term
- Recruit specialists in French
- Ask you to be volunteers in the academy
- Let you know the great things your child has been doing more frequently

Parent Volunteers



- **Join our new Parent Teacher Association – PTA – please see the leaflets**
- **Become a school governor**
- **Be a parent volunteer for reading**
- **Help us by accompanying trips and visits**
- **Run an after-school club**

We will also:

- **Run courses for parents**
- **English**
- **Maths**
- **Basic Literacy and Numeracy**
- **First Aid**



- Improve engagement with our parents and community
- Involve parents as volunteers in the academy
- Improve our outcomes in French and Geography
- Improve our transition work with our primary feeders so we know families and pupils well
- Improve our outcomes in the sixth form so that more students get into the top universities
- Improve literacy and numeracy in years 7 and 8
- Improve reading for enjoyment across the academy



1. **Your support** in your child's learning makes the single biggest difference to their education
2. **Our home-school agreement** is our commitment to one and other. Let's all sign up.
3. **Working together**, we will give your child a world-class education



Thank you

Please do complete the feedback questionnaire