

What we expect from you as a parent/carer

Please tell us if:

- There is anything in your child's life that we need to know. Things that happen away from school can affect your child while they are with us. Please talk to us we may be able to help.
- There is a reason why your child is not attending, by ringing the school on the first day of absence.
- Your child no longer needs their place with us.

Our values

Together we:

Care for each other

Laugh with each other

Learn from each other

Celebrate with each other

Are safe, responsible and
respectful



WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

Important information for parents/carers



At Handsworth Grange Community Sports College we are committed to supporting all pupils and safeguarding their needs.

Safeguarding our children

We all have a statutory duty to **safeguard and promote the welfare of children** up to the age of 18 years.

If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child or young person at Handsworth Grange Community Sports College or feel that something may be troubling them, you should share this information with an appropriate member of staff straight away.

Some issues such as a child's appearance, hygiene or general behaviour, can be shared with any teacher or member of support staff in this setting. Do not worry about reporting small matters – we would rather that you tell us things which turn out to be small than miss a worrying situation.

However, if you think that a child, a young person or an adult who cares for them has been or might be harmed; please ask to talk to a member of the Safeguarding Team.

You can ask any member of staff to find them and ask them to speak to you straight away about a confidential and urgent matter.

Information Sharing

It is usual practice for workers that are supporting you and your child to talk to each other to share relevant information.

We do this in order to identify and organise any support that is needed as quickly as possible.

We will also talk to YOU about your child so that we can all work together.

If you are worried about this or want to know more please talk to us.

If different organisations are working with you it is useful for them all to meet so that support for you and your child can be discussed and agreed.

The meetings can take place at a time and a place that is convenient and comfortable for you. This way everyone can keep up to date, hear your views and work together better, keeping the focus on your child's needs.

Family Common Assessment

An assessment is a discussion between you and a member of staff that can help to identify any support needs your child and your family may have.

This discussion is written on a form called a Family Common Assessment Form (FCAF) and it includes your thoughts and ideas.

If you give permission, the FCAF can be shared with others working with your family or with a service that your family may need, to save you explaining things over and over again.

We will talk to you about:

- Your child(ren)'s individual circumstances and what support they may need.
- Other issues within your family that you may need support with.

Ask a member of staff to show you an FCAF so that you can see what it involves.

