



# Engagement with Education at Heathlands

## Working Together

**At Heathlands we want to work with families as this is the proven way to get children to reach their full potential.**

- We will work together to help children learn.
- We will provide a safe and secure environment with clear boundaries and expectations.
- We value and respect both children's cultural and Deaf identity and will help them develop this.
- We recognise the importance of children's mental wellbeing to enable them to learn and contribute to society.
- We recognise the importance of family both at home and as part of the school community so that children feel valued.
- We will work together to get children to school every day and on time so they can learn and achieve.

## Effective Communication

***We encourage communication through words, signs, gestures and vocalisations. As a Total Communication School, flexibility from all adults to allow children to develop their chosen method of communication is vital.***

- We understand developing language is important for learning and agree everyone should sign.
- We agree to support the child, using the most appropriate communication, based on their preferences.
- We will communicate issues and changes when required.
- We will not post on the internet anything which may upset or offend others in the school community.

## Learning

***We recognise that families are the first and continuing educators in their children's lives.***

- We seek to support and nurture children to allow them to achieve.
- We recognise children learn in school and at home and we will share ideas and activities with children.
- We support children to be ready for their learning (eg PE kit, equipment, uniform, completed home learning etc)
- We will keep children safe online and help them to understand the possible dangers. We will supervise and guide them.

**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed on behalf of Heathlands School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed on behalf of the child's family:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_