



Houlton School

Home–School Agreement

Introduction

Houlton School believes pupils will achieve their full potential if they have the support and interest of their parents and teachers. This forms the basis for establishing an explicit Houlton School Home-School Agreement, which sets out the expectations and responsibilities of pupils, parents and the school.

Please read the agreement carefully and discuss it with your son or daughter before signing and returning to the school.

What happens if there is a problem?

Parents/Carers

Parents who have concerns regarding the school's side of the agreement can discuss their concerns in a number of ways. If a parent/carer wishes to raise a concern about a teacher this should be addressed through the pastoral system and taken up with the teacher directly, the Head of Faculty or the appropriate Pupil experience Leader. More serious issues involving staff can be taken up directly with the Vice Principal or Principal. Matters relating to the curriculum can be addressed directly to the Vice Principal or Principal.

If a concern is not resolved following contacting staff at the school, parents should refer to the schools' complaints procedures on the school website.

School Statutory Responsibilities

The School has an obligation to report situations if parents are in breach of their duty of care for children. Attendance falling below 90% is automatically referred to the Education Welfare Services. Any disclosures raising a safeguarding concern from children where appropriate will be passed on to Social Services for investigation. Guidelines stress that we must pass on such disclosures even when we are uncertain as to their authenticity. Where appropriate to do so, the school will communicate with parents/carers regards any referrals that are made.

Pupils

Pupils who break the rules will be made aware of the consequences. Minor misdemeanours may result in warnings, consequence points, or detentions. Persistent or more serious poor choices could result in after-school detentions, time in the Refocus Zone or exclusion. Parents will be automatically notified of these latter consequences.

Pupils who feel that an issue has not been resolved may take up the matter with their tutor or a member of the Pastoral Team. Our rules are generally very straightforward but it is important for all pupils to understand the reasons behind teacher actions even when they do not agree. Our full Positive Behaviour Policy can be found on the school website.

Parents/Carers

I/We shall aim to:

- Ensure my child goes to school regularly, on time and properly equipped.
- Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect the learning, attendance or behaviour of my child.
- Ensure the correct uniform is worn by my child at all times and encourage pride in appearance.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour, encouraging pupils to follow the Houlton School core values.
- Encourage pupils to work in partnership with the school and be professional and polite towards staff.
- Support the completion of home learning and review Edulink regularly.
- Review the behaviours and achievements of my child using Edulink and engage positively with the school with regard to all aspects of my child's progress.
- Attend Parents' Consultation Evenings and other relevant events designed to support my child's progress.
- Be supportive of the school and communicate in a professional manner with staff.

Pupil Name.....

Parent/Carer Signature

Date

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The School

The School will aim to:

- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum to meet the individual needs of your child.
- Expect high standards of learning and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- Care for your child's safety, wellbeing and welfare.
- Set, assess and monitor a regular programme of home learning and classwork.
- Let you know about any concerns or problems that affect learning or behaviour.
- Maintain the school's policies on uniform and promote pride in self and school.
- Provide a wide range of co-curricular opportunities.

Tutor Signature

Date

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The Pupil

I shall aim to:

- Uphold all the standards required of me by the school.
- Attend school regularly and be on time.
- Bring all the equipment I need every day.
- Wear the correct school uniform and be tidy in my appearance in school and on the journey to and from school.
- Focus on learning and home learning as well as I can.
- Follow the schools rules on ICT and internet use.
- Be excellent in my behaviour and a role model for the school both in school and in the community.
- Be polite, kind, respectful and helpful to others.
- Help keep the school tidy, free from litter and chewing gum and respect our school site.

Pupil Signature

Date

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