

The Littlehampton Academy

Home-School Agreement



Introduction

The Academy's mission is, through exciting and innovative ways, to:

- improve the life chances of all its students
- educate the whole person
- be aspirational for its learning community
- build successful vocational pathways for all
- value and know all its students
- make learning real so as to create lifelong learners

Accordingly, the Academy will focus on enabling young people to become:

- *successful learners* who enjoy learning, making maximum progress and achieving
- *confident individuals* who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilled lives
- *responsible citizens* who make a positive contribution to society and are encouraged to participate, care for others and show leadership wherever that is possible

Parents / carers will be encouraged to engage as active partners with the Academy to ensure that their children achieve their full potential.

Home / Academy contract

A partnership contract between students, parents / carers, Academy staff and governors.

At the Academy we recognise that students achieve most when parents / carers and the Academy respect and value each other and share common aims. We want to work with students and parents / carers to maximise our students' achievements and successes in all areas.

Principles

All members of our learning community need to:

- attend regularly
- be hardworking
- be actively engaged in the learning process
- co-operate with each other
- be considerate to each other
- be polite and well-behaved
- be responsible
- be honest
- be friendly
- respect others

All students in the Academy will therefore be expected to:

- attend regularly and be punctual
- behave politely and treat others with respect
- be ready for lessons
- be actively involved in work
- speak appropriately and listen attentively
- move in an orderly way in the Academy and travelling to and from the site
- treat the environment with respect
- be an ambassador for the Academy

Keeping ourselves safe

It is expected that an Academy student will:

- never act in a violent or aggressive way, either inside or outside the Academy
- never have possession of, or use, any

object as a weapon, either inside or outside the Academy

- never bring drugs into our Academy community

Equal opportunities

We welcome and celebrate the diversity amongst us which enriches our experience and understanding.

We all have the right to be treated fairly and with respect.

We must behave in a way which promotes learning.

We all need to treat each other with care and consideration.

We reject language or behaviour that insults our many differences.

We value all members of our learning community.

The commitment of Academy staff

Students at the Academy have the right to an education which offers them the best opportunity to achieve their potential. Staff and students are all responsible for working to ensure that this happens. It is the right of every individual at the Academy to live and learn without interruption from others.

Staff will endeavour to:

- know the students as individuals, which means knowing where they are in their learning, how they learn best and the most effective ways of supporting them to keep improving on their personal best
- provide a balanced curriculum through exciting and challenging educational experiences
- enable students to become independent learners, ensuring that they reach their full potential as valued members of the Academy community
- help students to develop as individuals, encouraging confidence, self-esteem and positive relationships with others
- monitor network, email and internet use
- build effective relationships with the parents / carers of the children in their care
- be open and welcoming to parents / carers and offer opportunities to become actively involved in the Academy
- keep parents / carers informed about their child's progress and about other relevant Academy matters

The commitment of parents / carers

As the parent / carer of a child at the Academy, I agree to:

- value education and show an interest, on a regular basis, in my child's learning
- send my child to the Academy regularly, punctually and in full Academy uniform, ensuring that my child is ready to learn and has the required books and equipment for the day
- explain to my child what the Academy requires in terms of work, homework and behaviour (including the responsible use of the internet), and support the Academy in its high expectations
- celebrate my child's achievements with him / her

- inform Academy staff of any confidential medical needs or special circumstances which may affect my child's well-being; for example, details of access disputes, requests not to publish images of my child in the media, and family issues
- communicate with the Academy, as necessary, on my child's progress and welfare
- support the Academy's Behaviour Policy and ensure my child knows how he / she is expected to behave
- take all possible steps to attend Parents' Consultation Evenings, discussions about my child's progress and relevant workshops every year

The commitment of students

As a student at the Academy, I will:

- aim high and be an active learner
- come to the Academy regularly and punctually in full uniform and bring the required books, kit and equipment
- work hard on class work and homework and strive always to improve
- be polite, co-operative, considerate and kind and treat other people with respect
- be prepared to work with anyone in my group
- ask for help when I need it
- accept advice and guidance from the teachers and support staff
- do as I am asked by staff without arguing
- use the computer network, email, social networking and the internet responsibly and safely both in the Academy and at home
- act with care, respect and dignity when moving around the Academy or in the local community
- involve myself in the additional opportunities provided by the Academy

Contract between parents / carers, students and the Academy

1 _____
Signed by parent / carer

2 _____
Signed by parent / carer

Signed by student

Name in capitals

Signed by the Academy

Date