



Laurus Trust Secondary Schools

Home School Agreement

This agreement sets out what the School, the Student and Parent/Carers will do to ensure that your child has the opportunity to achieve the highest possible educational standards and benefits from the opportunities available at their school. By signing this agreement you will indicate that you agree to support this partnership with your child and the staff at your child's school.

All admissions, other than Year 7 intake, will require a meeting with a senior member of staff. At this meeting this agreement must be signed by all parties. The Staff and Governors of your child's school will:

- Provide a broad, balanced and flexible curriculum which will challenge your child to achieve their potential;
- Ensure that teaching addresses your child's needs, progress will be regularly checked and where additional needs are identified these will be quickly addressed;
- Insist on high standards of behaviour and respect for other people and the environment;
- Ensure that through our pastoral system the welfare of your child is paramount and that appropriate communication is made where we have concerns;
- Provide a safe and secure environment at school;
- Provide many opportunities, including sport and cultural activities, for your child to succeed;
- Reward your child for success in the many different areas of school life;
- Provide you with a report of progress each term which will include information about attainment, effort, attendance and assessment results;
- Arrange one meeting a year for discussion between parents/carers and teachers regarding the progress being made by your child;
- Adhere to and follow Local Authority Safeguarding Procedures

Parent/Carer

As the parent/carers of my child I acknowledge and understand that:

- The main responsibility for my child's education rests with me by law;
- If my child fails to maintain an excellent attendance record the school will take appropriate action;
- I will attend meetings in school, if required, to discuss the progress and welfare of my child;
- The school will follow Local Authority directions regarding matters of safeguarding.

Furthermore, I **undertake** to do the following to the best of my ability:

- Give my full support to the school, supporting all sanctions that the school issues to my child, including detentions;
- Ensure that my child goes to school regularly, on time and properly equipped;
- Ensure the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour and uniform are met;
- Attend all parents' evenings and information evenings at the school;
- Read reports sent by the school and take appropriate action;
- Provide suitable conditions and support for my child's Preparation, Practice and Retrieval (PP& R);
- Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.

I acknowledge that:

- Attendance is a vital component of a student's academic success. I will not take my child/children on holiday during term time. I accept that school will only authorise holidays in term time in the most exceptional of circumstances e.g. bereavement, immediate family wedding. The school will normally inform Education Welfare Services and issue Education Penalty Notices if more than 10 sessions are missed.

Also, from September 2015, we have been informed that children with attendance below 90% will be classed as having persistent absence; this will mean they will be closely monitored by the school, the Local Authority and the Department for Education.

AGREEMENT

The Student

I agree to:

- Behave well in class and not disrupt the learning of other students;
- Accept sanctions issued, including detentions;
- Actively engage in all aspects of school life to maximise my learning;
- Behave in an appropriate manner at all times during the school day, including the journeys to and from school;
- Arrive at school and all lessons on time;
- Aim for 100% attendance;
- Wear full school uniform correctly, details of which are in my journal;
- Bring all the equipment I need each day;
- Complete all my class work and Preparation, Practice and Retrieval (PP& R) on time and to the best of my ability;
- Be polite and helpful to others both in face to face situations and via electronic communication;
- Respect the school environment.