



ARK HELENSWOOD ACADEMY

HOME / SCHOOL AGREEMENT 2016-2017

As an Academy we agree to:

- Enable the student to do their best in their academic career.
- Enable the student to learn effectively.
- Provide the best possible learning environment in a safe and secure setting.
- Enable the student to work well with other students and staff.
- Offer a carefully planned curriculum matched to the needs of your child.
- Contact you if we are concerned about your child's attendance and punctuality.
- Encourage students to attend school regularly and punctually.
- Make sure that all children and their families are treated with respect and sensitivity.
- Ensure that the work set will be well prepared and appropriate to each child.
- Set challenging but realistic targets for students in order to raise their achievements.
- Keep the student and their parent/carer informed of Academy events and important information.
- Ensure that parents and students are clear about how and when the school will report on progress.
- Contact you as soon as we become concerned about your child's behaviour or standard of work.
- Encourage the student to develop a healthy lifestyle.

As a student you agree to:

- Wear the correct Academy uniform every day.
- Arrive on time to school and attend regularly.
- Bring the correct equipment with me every day to ensure I am ready for learning.
- Always have a reading book in my school bag to use during the school day.
- Learn in lessons and at home.
- Behave appropriately at all times.
- Work with others effectively and appropriately.
- Complete all homework and class work to the best of my ability and hand it in to my subject teacher on time.
- I understand that if my mobile phone or any other electronic device is used, seen or heard during the school day it will be confiscated and my parent/carer will be able to collect it on Friday of that week.
- Go to the Academy office if you need to contact home and not use your own mobile phone

As a parent/carer you agree to:

- Ensure that your child is prepared and ready for learning every day.
- Support the Academy on implementing our Behaviour for Learning Policy.
- Make every effort to support your child's learning at home.
- Inform the Academy of any circumstances that may affect your child's behaviour or ability to learn effectively.
- Contact the Academy Absence Line (01424 757986) by 9.00am every day to inform us of any unavoidable absence and continue to keep us informed until my child returns.
- Not take your child on holiday in term-time and ensure your child arrives promptly to school each day and attends regularly ensuring an overall attendance rate of 96% throughout the academic year.
- Your child's mobile phone or any other electronic device is to be turned off whilst on the Academy site. If they are used, seen or heard during the school day they will be confiscated and returned to the parent (or the student if they have a permission note) on Friday of that week.
- Only contact my child through the Academy Office and not contact her directly on her mobile phone.
- Understand and accept that the Academy has zero tolerance of students found in possession of any weapons, drugs, smoking and smoking paraphernalia and also confirm you understand that should your child be found in possession of any of these items it could lead to their permanent exclusion from the Academy.
- Attend meetings, including Parents' Evenings to discuss my child's progress in school.
- Get to know about my child's life at Ark Helenswood by reading, and where appropriate, responding to letters sent home.
- Make an appointment in advance if I need to speak to a teacher or senior member of staff, either by writing to or telephoning the school.
- Ensure my child attends any sessions, either during lunchtime or after the end of normal lessons, deemed necessary by her Form Tutor, Class Teacher or member of the Leadership Team.