



Enterprise, Science and Sport

Policy Document

HOME ACADEMY AGREEMENT

- As part of its commitment to being an effective Academy, Harris Academy Falconwood has a responsibility to work in partnership with both parents and students.
- This commitment is clearly manifested in both policy and practice. At the time of writing there are over forty policy statements which are embraced by this Academy Agreement and cover issues such as Equal Opportunities, Student Reward and Support, Parents' Evenings, etc. Regular communication via the STUDENT PLANNER demonstrates all partners' commitment to working in unison.

Students will...

- Complete homework/coursework conscientiously and return it within the deadlines set.
- Contribute fully to the life and work of the Academy community and show a willingness to support and participate in all its activities.
- Play a full part in the growth, development and improvement of the Academy by striving to improve standards of work and behaviour at all times.
- Be confident that striving to improve academic performance is recognised as acceptable and that attempts to undermine or devalue this are not.
- Wear correct uniform and conduct themselves in a sensible and orderly manner.
- Show respect to adults and treat people as individuals in the manner that they would expect to be treated themselves.
- Strive to improve attendance and punctuality by maintaining high personal standards.
- Not take holidays during term time.
- Respect other people's personal space and their belongings.
- Demonstrate care towards the upkeep of the environment and exercise common sense and self control in all aspects relating to the health and safety of others.
- Take a positive stance against litter, graffiti and vandalism.
- Conform to the protocols for security and access required for the ICT network.
- Abide by the procedures to ensure sensible use of the Internet.
- To attend Celebration of Achievement Evening each year.
- Ensure all work submitted is their own work and includes no form of plagiarism.

- Give letters and other information from the Academy to parent(s) and return any reply to the Academy promptly.
- Not bring to the Academy anything which is dangerous, illegal or against Academy rules, including a mobile telephone, drugs, knives or any implement which could be used as a weapon.

The Academy will...

- Offer a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum for all students.
- Provide a high quality education designed to allow all students to develop their individual talents to the full.
- Provide an environment which promotes high quality teaching and learning. This will embrace the need to recruit suitably qualified staff and provide
- on-going staff training.
- Review and update resources in line with changing Academy priorities and curriculum needs.
- Set work which is challenging, yet suitable for the age and ability of the student.
- Provide a high standard of teaching, student support and individual guidance.
- Respect students as individuals.
- Set homework according to pre-agreed schedules or provide explanation of why homework cannot be set.
- Return marked homework to students within a reasonable time period.
- Regularly mark students' work in accordance with the Academy marking policy.
- Continue to improve, where possible, the learning environment with respect to information and other technologies, quiet areas, field trips etc.
- Enforce reasonable disciplinary measures when behaviour warrants it.
- Provide access for parents to meet with staff given reasonable notice.
- Provide a means of assessing, recording and reporting student achievement which is comprehensive, yet meaningful and accessible to parents.
- Provide information to parents, via the DIARY PLANNER.
- Hold at least one Parents' Evening per year for each year group.
- Give briefings/explanations of changes or developments in the curriculum and assessment arrangements.
- Provide interim progress checks and feedback in response to specific requests or concerns from parents.
- Inform parents of any problems or praiseworthy events within reasonable time.
- Inform or consult parents as appropriate on issues of Academy policy.
- Respond positively to parents' concerns and complaints.
- Promote equal opportunities in all aspects of Academy life.

As parent(s) of the student I/we will...

- Support the Academy in general policy including the maintenance of discipline and ensure that my/our son/daughter abides by the Academy rules.
- Ensure uniform is worn correctly at all times.

- Provide feedback to staff on my/our son's/daughter's completion of homework.
- Attend the Academy activities including Parents' Evenings, Celebration of Achievement Evenings, etc.
- Give positive support to my/our son/daughter and provide, where possible, an environment supportive of study at home.
- Help to motivate my/our son/daughter towards improving academic performance.
- Promote excellent attendance and punctuality and inform the Academy of any reason for absence on the first day of that absence.
- Ensure holidays are not taken during term time.
- Support the completion of homework and coursework and sign the DIARY PLANNER every week.
- Inform the Academy of any difficulties which may affect my/our son's/daughter's learning whilst at the Academy.
- Support my/our son's/daughter's intention to continue in full time education or training up to the age of 18.
- Give permission for the Academy to store data on my/our son/daughter.
- Give permission for the Academy to use photographs and film footage of my/our son/daughter in an Academy context for possible public circulation.
- Inform the Academy in writing if it is decided to exercise the right to request withdrawal from sex education or RE lessons.
- Conform to the protocols for security and access required for the ICT network.
- Ensure all work submitted by my/our son/daughter and particularly coursework submitted for examination units is my/our son's/daughter's own work and includes no form of plagiarism.
- Ensure my/our son/daughter does not bring to the Academy anything which is dangerous, illegal or against Academy rules, including a mobile telephone, drugs, knives or any implement which could be used as a weapon.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Governing Body will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.

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