



Parental Agreement – Years 7 to 11

The trust and shared understanding that develops between parent, child and school are crucially important and necessary. As one means of enabling this, we set out below some important aspects of our commitment to you and your child, and also commitments for you to make and to uphold. Each and every one of these commitments and promises made between parent, child and school are serious and important for your child's schooling. Our mutual agreement on these commitments is essential for your child's schooling at The King's Academy and it is important to note that our agreement also has legal, as well as moral, implications. Along with your child, please would you read and carefully review the sections below and then sign and return the document to the Academy.

Mr N Bulley
Principal

1. **Drugs, Illegal Substances and Weapons**

My child will not be in possession of substances which cannot be legally bought by children of their age, nor will my child misuse any drug or substance in a way which may harm themselves or others, or carry any implement that could be regarded as an offensive weapon.

2. **Attendance and Holiday Arrangements**

I will do all in my power to ensure that my child attends school on time every day in all but exceptional circumstances. I recognise the importance of attending school and so agree not to take my child out of school in order to take holidays including offered by well-meaning friends or relatives for instance. Academy events such as Sports Day and Prize Giving are part of the Academy calendar and attendance at these is compulsory. Should exceptional circumstances arise, I agree to request permission from the Principal in writing at least 4 school weeks before the requested booking would need to be made and will only proceed if I receive the Principal's written authorisation. I recognise that non-medical absence from school will normally be treated as being unauthorised.

3. **Discipline and Detention**

I support the Academy's efforts to create and protect a safe and positive environment in which my child can work. I therefore support the discipline and detention systems to help ensure that my child faces up to the proper consequences of their actions.

4. **Uniform and Appearance**

I recognise the importance of school uniform and I support the Academy's stance with regards to uniform and appearance. (See parental handbook, student planner, website for details.)

5. **Anti-Bullying Policy**

I recognise that bullying is a serious issue which will not be tolerated and I accept that when any such incident is reported it will be dealt with in line with the Academy's Anti-Bullying Policy. I am also aware that this policy is available on the website.

6. **Parents' Evenings**

I recognise the importance of understanding how well my child is doing with their school work. I shall therefore attend the annual Parents' Evening which follows my child's examinations and Report and, if invited to do so, any additional Parents' Evening.

7. **Computer Hardware and Software**

I recognise that the Academy computer network exists for students to use to improve their learning and that it is not for recreational or social purposes. Misuse of the computer network has the potential to cause costly damage, to disrupt learning and to breach confidentiality, and serious violation of The Kings Academy Network is therefore an expulsion offence.

8. **Mobile phones**

I understand that while mobile phones have become helpful aids for parents and children to communicate on the way to and from the Academy, their use in school is forbidden. Students may carry phones (at their own risk), but they must be switched off at 8.20am and remain switched off and out of sight for the rest of the day. Any students breaching this rule will have their phone confiscated and a detention issued. The punishment for repeated offences will involve confiscation, meetings with parents and further sanctions. The unauthorised use of a camera on site, or when students are on visits or travelling to and from the Academy, constitutes an invasion of privacy and as such is forbidden. Should images of other students or staff thus be obtained, or any material which brings the Academy's name into disrepute be published via the internet or other means, this may result in permanent exclusion.

9. **Chewing Gum**

I understand that chewing gum is forbidden in the Academy because of its impact on cleanliness and décor. Immediate confiscation and a detention will be issued for those who bring gum into the Academy, in order to deter this clear breach of the rules. I recognise that the Academy is entitled to apply a reasonable charge for bringing chewing gum into the Academy, to compensate for cleaning and repair costs caused by breach of this rule.

10. **Worries and Concerns**

There may be times when difficulties arise in relation to my child's education. I therefore agree to discuss any such matters with school at the earliest possible opportunity in order to resolve matters.

11. **Use of Visual Images**

I understand that official photography routinely takes place on the Academy site and on school visits, and may include my child. I understand that all visual images (still or moving) of students are taken and used strictly in accordance with safeguarding legislation that prioritises children's dignity and safety.

I understand that the Academy regularly publishes stories and pictures of staff and students on the website and in newsletters, as well as in assemblies and special events, in order to celebrate success, provide positive role models and build community, and that local media will sometimes pick up on extra special success stories. I consent for visual images to be used as outlined and I consent for my child's name to be used in publications as outlined above. I understand that I have the right to withdraw consent by emailing GDPR@thekingsacademy.org.uk.

12. **Biometrics**

I agree that my child will use the biometric system. My child will be required to place their finger onto a scanner, where the software will match their finger ID with the data held in the database when purchasing their lunch. Finger ID is the preferred method of using the system and is entirely voluntary and I consent to the use of my child's biometric data. I understand that I have the right to withdraw consent by emailing GDPR@thekingsacademy.org.uk.

13. **Social Media**

I hold full responsibility for my own and my child's use of social media insofar as committing not to make misleading, false, untrue or malicious statements about the Academy, its staff or students. I recognise that the Academy and its Governors will take legal action if necessary including the involvement of police in cases of criminality (e.g. defamation, abuse, harassment). *We encourage parents to report to us directly should you receive a 'share' that may be of this type.*