



## Home-Academy Agreement 22/23

Hodgson recognises that parents/carers who choose Hodgson for their child do so because they support the high standards we maintain and the values we uphold in all of our work with young people.

These standards and values underpin our Home-Academy agreement. This agreement sets out what we expect from our parents/carers, what we expect from our students and what parents/carers and students can expect from the Academy. It is underpinned by our core values of 'PAUSE' and 'CARE'. The Academy asks all parents/carers to sign the agreement when a student joins Hodgson, as an affirmation of their commitment to these standards and values. The agreement is updated and re-issued annually. We will use this agreement as a basis for discussion with you and your child should the need arise.

### **Parents & Carers**

As a parent(s) of a student at Hodgson Academy I/we will:

- Ensure that my child understands that the academy is a place of work and study and they should work hard to the best of their ability. This including the completion of homework.
- Ensure that my child attends the academy every day, is punctual and properly equipped. This includes ensuring that my child does not take part in family holidays during term time. *The academy Attendance Policy can be viewed on the academy website.*
- Inform the academy on the first day of an absence if my child is unable to attend.
- Support the academy's ethos, aims and rules. This includes the use of sanctions in line with the academy Behaviour Policy, recognising that decisions regarding behaviour and sanctions are a matter for the school and parents do not have the right to challenge such decisions. *The academy Behaviour Policy can be viewed on the academy website.*
- Recognise that the academy does not require parental permission to sanction students and that some sanctions take place outside of the normal academy day.
- Ensure my child understands and complies fully with all aspects of the academy uniform and appearance policy, including hairstyles, jewellery and make-up. I/we acknowledge that the academy will be the final arbiter in all matters regarding uniform and appearance.
- Attend Parents Evenings and other appropriate events wherever possible.
- Sign the academy's Information Communication Technology Approved User Policy Contract and ensure that my child uses the ICT at Hodgson according to this contract.
- Inform the academy about anything that might affect my child's work or behaviour.

### **Students**

As a student attending Hodgson Academy, I will:

- Always follow the academy values of PAUSE and CARE.
- Follow all academy rules at all times and accept that failure to do so will result in sanctions being issued.
- Respect the right for students to learn and for the teacher to teach.
- Follow the academy rules about uniform and appearance and wear my uniform with pride each day.
- Complete homework to the best of my ability and always hand it in on time.
- Use the academy's Information Communication Technology according to the academy's Approved User Policy.
- Understand that the reputation of the academy, and therefore each member of it, depends on the way I behave at all times and that behaviour in the community is as important as that in the academy.

### **The Academy**

The Academy will:

- Provide an education in which each student is challenged and supported in order gain the qualifications, skills and attributes they need for success in further education and to prepare them for life in modern Britain.
- Through a broad and balanced curriculum and an extensive range of extra-curricular activities, provide opportunities for all to develop as confident, well rounded and respectful individuals.
- Provide a caring, supportive and disciplined environment.
- Inform students and their parents/carers regularly about progress at Hodgson.
- Contact parents/carers if there are any matters of concern about work or behaviour.
- Make academy policies available to parents on request.
- Always welcome and encourage parental contact and feedback through appropriate channels. *The first point of contact for parents/carers is the Form Tutor...*

## Supplementary Information

- Poor behaviour in the community by students that brings the academy into disrepute. As a result, **the academy will sanction students for their behaviour in the community where we deem appropriate.**
- Parents/carers are responsible for the behaviour and safety of their children on their journey to and from Hodgson. If your child is involved in any inappropriate anti-social behaviour during these journeys, this may initially be reported to Lancashire County Council, who are responsible for organising a number of the school buses. **The academy will sanction students for their behaviour during their journey to and from Hodgson where we deem appropriate.**
- If students leave the academy premises during the academy day, at break or at lunchtime without permission, we will endeavour to make immediate contact with you. **The academy is not responsible for the behaviour and safety of students who leave the academy premises without permission.**
- Students have responsibility for all their own possessions throughout the academy day. **The academy can take no responsibility for losses of such possessions.** Mobile phones should not be seen during the academy day. It is strongly recommended that students do not bring to the academy expensive or valuable items of clothing, expensive mobile phones, jewellery or expensive goods.
- If your child damages academy property, books or materials, wilfully or through inappropriate behaviour, Hodgson will pass the cost of the repair of that damage on to you. In extreme cases the Police may be involved in the investigation of criminal damage.
- If staff become aware of, or have need to become involved in, situations where a child may be at risk of hurting themselves or others, or if the behaviour of a child seriously disrupts good order in the academy or causes damage to property, staff may need to take steps to intervene physically. In such circumstances staff will follow the academy's policy for dealing with these situations. *The academy Care and Control Policy can be viewed on the academy website.*
- In line with relevant legislation, the academy has certain powers to screen and search pupils for any items banned under school rules, and may do so without consent if there are suspicions that the items are prohibited. This may include weapons, drugs, alcohol, or stolen goods. The academy also has powers to seize and then confiscate items found during a search.
- Illegal or inappropriate dropping off, picking up or parking near the academy could be seen as an offence. **It also significantly adds to the dangers on Moorland Road.** Parking Attendants (Civil Enforcement Officers) have the power to enforce financial penalties to drivers who park or drive in contravention of regulations. They will, from time to time, be in attendance on Moorland Road and in doing so will have the support of the academy because of the dangers to all users of Moorland Road.
- Unless permission has been specifically granted by the Headteacher, students are not permitted to bring motorcycles of any description on to the academy premises. Students are also strongly discouraged from parking motorcycles in the streets adjoining Hodgson.
- Hodgson provides an area for students to store bicycles during the day. Students are expected to provide their own locks and chains for their bicycles. **The academy accepts no responsibility for the security of student bicycles.** Students cycling to school should be aware that Moorland Road and the adjoining roads can be very busy at the start and end of the school day. **The academy expects that anybody using a bicycle to travel to Hodgson does so using the appropriate safety equipment, including a helmet.**
- If a student feels unwell during the school day, they should follow recognised academy procedures and report this to a member of staff. This member of staff will ensure that appropriate support is provided. Parents/carers will be contacted by the academy if necessary. Students should not contact parents directly using a personal mobile phone.
- All staff at Hodgson have the right to work in a safe environment. The academy will treat everyone with courtesy and respect, and expects the same in return from parents/carers and other visitors to the academy. We will challenge and record where parents/carers fail to show courtesy and respect, or conduct themselves professionally, in any interaction or communication with academy staff.

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