



Hodgson Academy Home-Academy Agreement 2019/20

Hodgson Academy is a successful, effective and popular Academy.

The Academy knows that parents who send their children to Hodgson, support the Academy in the standards it seeks to maintain and the values that it seeks to uphold in all its work with young people.

Hodgson has a Home-Academy Agreement. This is an agreement between the Academy, parents and students which sets out these standards and values. It is underpinned by our core values of PAUSE and CARE and our underlying principle that “at Hodgson we follow the rules”. We use the word “parent” to involve all those who have parental responsibility for students at Hodgson. The Academy expects all students and parents to sign the agreement on an annual basis as a reaffirmation of their commitment to these values. We will use the agreement as a basis for discussion with you should the need arise.

The Home-Academy Agreement is revised annually. It is a statement of intentions. It details what we expect from parents, what we expect from students and what you might expect from the Academy. There is also a final section which contains further important information for parents, backed up by our policies and information on the academy website.

Parents

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

- Support the academy’s ethos, aims and rules, including where the use of sanctions are necessary, and that staff decisions on student discipline are not open to challenge and parents do not have the right to debate decisions with staff.
- Acknowledge that the academy does not require parental permission to sanction students and that some sanctions take place outside of the normal academy day.
- Ensure that my child attends the academy every day, is punctual and properly equipped and inform the academy on the first day of absence if my child is unable to attend.
- Ensure that my child does not take part in family holidays during term time. I/we understand that continuous attendance is vital for student progress. I acknowledge that the academy will not authorise holidays for students during term time. *Copies of the academy’s Attendance Policy are available from the academy on request.*
- Ensure that my child understands that the academy is a place of work and they should work hard to the best of their ability, including completion of homework.
- 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.
- Support the academy’s Behaviour for Learning Policy and action is taken where necessary to ensure good discipline at Hodgson. *Copies of the academy’s Behaviour for Learning Policy are available from the academy on request.*
- Attend Student Progress Reviews.
- 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.
- Let the academy know about anything that might affect my child’s work or behaviour.

Students

As a student attending Hodgson Academy, I will:

- Always follow the academy codes of PAUSE and CARE.
- Follow all academy rules at all times and accept that failure to do so will result in sanctions being put in place.
- Respect the right for everyone to learn and for the teacher to teach.
- Follow the academy regulations about uniform and general appearance as found in my Student Planner. I will wear the correct uniform with pride.
- 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:

- Educate students for their future in a rapidly changing, technologically advanced world.
- Track the academic progress of students through Hodgson to ensure that wherever possible they achieve their targets or go beyond them.
- Through a broad and balanced curriculum and an extensive range of extra-curricular activities, provide opportunities for all to learn, to be involved and to strive for excellence.
- Provide a caring, supportive and disciplined environment.
- Inform students and their parents about progress at Hodgson.
- Contact parents 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 through appropriate channels. *Parents should initially contact Form Progress Tutors.*

Other Important Information

- Parents are responsible for 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. We will sanction students for poor behaviour in the community as it brings the academy into disrepute.
- 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 cannot take responsibility for students who leave the academy premises without permission.**
- Students have responsibility for all their own possessions, including bags, throughout the academy day. **The academy can take no responsibility for losses of such possessions.** Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen at all 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 investigation of criminal damage.
- Parents need to be informed that 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 such situations. *Details of our Care and Control Policy in this respect are available from the academy on request.*
- 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 eg. weapons, drugs, alcohol, 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) will have 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 they will have the support of the academy because of the dangers to all users of Moorland Road.
- For health and safety and security reasons:
 - a) Unless permission has been granted Year 11 students are not allowed to bring motorcycles of any description onto the academy premises. Nor would we encourage students to park motorcycles in the streets adjoining Hodgson.
 - b) Students are not allowed to bring skateboards into the academy. If a skateboard is brought into the academy it will be confiscated and returned to the student at a time stipulated by the member of staff.
- Hodgson provides an area for students to store bicycles during the day. The academy would want students and parents to be aware that students must also provide locks and chains for their own bicycles. **The academy accepts no responsibility for the security of student bicycles.** Whilst wishing to promote healthy activities Hodgson does have serious concerns over the dangers to cyclists using Moorland Road and adjoining roads which can be very busy. **The academy strongly recommends that anybody using a bicycle to Hodgson does so using the appropriate safety equipment.**
- When students are ill at Hodgson, they should follow recognised academy procedures in order to gain help and support. If they are ill they should report this to a member of staff. This member of staff will ensure that your child is escorted to the main reception and receives appropriate attention. Parents should note that students should not ring home and ask parents to collect them. Hodgson will make contact with parents if necessary.
- The academy aims to provide parents and students with the highest level of service at all times. All staff at Hodgson have the right to work in a safe environment. The academy treats everyone with courtesy and respect and expects the same in return. We will challenge and record where parents and students fail to treat academy staff with respect.