

Academy-Parent-Student Contract

The Hastings Academy is committed to a partnership between staff, parents and students to enable us to provide an outstanding education for our young people. In order to achieve our very ambitious goals, we must work together effectively at all times.

Academy's Commitment

1. **High Quality Education** – We commit to providing a first class education
2. **Support and Respect** – We will appreciate, support and respect every student
3. **Communication** – We will communicate regularly with parents about their child's progress and be available in person and by telephone or email. We will respond to parents within 24 hours.
4. **Homework** – We will provide productive home learning opportunities.
5. **Fairness** – We will enforce the Academy's values consistently and fairly.
6. **Safety** – We will protect the safety, interests and rights of all individuals.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parents' Commitment

1. **Attendance and Punctuality** – I understand that every school day is important and that it is my responsibility to get my child to school every day on time (8.45am). If my child, on a rare occasion, needs to miss school, I will contact the Academy before 8.45am. I will not schedule family holidays during school time.
2. **Support** – I will ensure that my child has sufficient sleep every night. I will provide a quiet space for my child to study. If my child struggles with coursework and is required to attend an after-school homework club or supervised study, I will ensure my child attends.
3. **Independent Reading** – I will ensure my child reads for at least 20 minutes a night, including weekends.
4. **Communication** – I will make myself available to my child and all of his/her teachers. I will return phone calls from school staff within 24 hours. If I am asked to attend a parental meeting regarding my child's education or behaviour, I will attend. I will read all updates and messages sent home by the Academy and I will return all necessary information on time.
5. **Uniform** – I will send my child to school every day in the full Academy uniform and with all the necessary equipment.
6. **Values and School Rules** – I understand the Academy values and I will make sure that my child learns to live up to them. I understand that my child must follow these rules to protect the safety, interest and rights of all individuals. I fully understand that the Academy is a professional learning environment where everyone has the right to learn. I also understand that my child may lose privileges or have other disciplinary consequences if he/she fails to live up to the Academy values. I will support the Academy in its efforts to enforce high standards of behaviour and citizenship.
7. **Attendance at parent meetings** – I will attend all the required parent meetings.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Student's Commitment

1. **My Best Effort** – I understand that my education is important and I will always work and behave to the highest standard. I will participate fully in the lessons ensuring my contribution is to the best of my ability.
2. **Attendance and Punctuality** – I will come to school every day on time.
3. **Uniform and Extra-Curricular** – I will proudly wear the Academy uniform every day and follow the Academy dress code. I will bring the necessary equipment to school every day. I will try my best to be involved in as many extra-curricular activities every week where possible.
4. **Homework** – I will complete all of my homework to a very high standard. I will not offer excuses.
5. **Communication** – I will raise my hand to ask for help if I do not understand something. I will make myself available to my teachers and parents to discuss any concerns they might have.
6. **Responsibility** – If I make a mistake I will tell the truth and accept responsibility for my actions and learn from my mistakes. I will follow the rules of Behaviour to Achieve to allow all to learn in the classroom and outside. I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner both inside and outside of the Academy at all times.
7. **Values** – I understand the Academy values and I will live up to them every day.

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