

# **Home-School Agreement**

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| <b>Start Date:</b>            | <b>Summer 2024</b>         |
| <b>Date of Next Review:</b>   | <b>Summer 2027</b>         |
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| <b>Responsible Committee:</b> | <b>Education Committee</b> |

## Purpose and Background

Haileybury Turnford has a Home-School Agreement, which is a statement explaining:

The school's vision and values

The school's responsibilities towards its students

The responsibility of each student's parents/carers

What the school expects of its students.

This Home-School Agreement takes account of all relevant legislation.

## Policy objectives

This Home-School Agreement aims to establish a partnership between Haileybury Turnford, parents/carers and students, in accordance with the school ethos, vision and values. We want to work with parents/carers to support our students during their time at school so that together we can ensure they fulfil their academic aspirations and develop good character. This Home-School Agreement does not include any terms or conditions which could be considered unlawful or unreasonable, such as requiring parents to make a financial contribution to the school, or refusing to waive any requirement on school uniform in cases where the parent and child cannot comply for religious reasons. This agreement encapsulates our belief that parents are a student's first and foremost important educators. The agreement is designed to help our students achieve the highest possible standards through close and effective communication with parents.

## Management of the policy

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| School         | This policy is implemented and managed by Mrs M Goodes (Vice Principal).  |
| Governing Body | The governing body will review and update this policy in line with all relevant legislation.  |
| Approval       | Updated and approved by Haileybury Turnford governing body's Education Committee.   |
| Next Review    | Haileybury Turnford will review the agreement every three years or sooner if the guidance changes and the current agreement is no longer appropriate. |

## Associated policies

- Attendance Policy
- Mobile Phones Policy
- Rewards, Behaviour and Discipline Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- School Uniform Policy

## Practice and procedures

Haileybury Turnford will take reasonable steps to ensure:

- All registered parents/carers of students return the parental declaration electronically to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the Home-School Agreement.
- All parents/carers both within and outside the child's home are given the opportunity to indicate that they understand and accept the contents of the Home-School Agreement and review the content of the agreement regularly during the time their child is at school.

## **Haileybury Turnford will not:**

- Seek the signature of a parent where they consider that there are special circumstances relating to the parent or student in question that would make it inappropriate to do so
- Invite a parent or child to sign the parental declaration before the child has been admitted to the school
- Make the signing of the parental declaration a condition of the child's admission to the school
- Base a decision about admitting a child to the school on assumptions about whether his or her parents are or are not likely to sign the parental declaration.

Haileybury Turnford will also invite all students to sign the agreement as an indication that they acknowledge and accept the school's expectations.



## HAILEYBURY TURNFORD HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The aim of this Home-School Agreement is to establish a partnership between Haileybury Turnford, parents/carers and students so that we can work together to ensure students fulfil their academic aspirations and develop good character in accordance with the school's ethos, vision and values.

### Agreement for the Parent or Carer

I will make sure my child is ready for school by:

- Making sure my child attends school every day unless they are unwell and at the required time and wearing the correct school uniform.
- Supporting the school policies including the Rewards, Behaviour and Discipline Policy.
- Requesting time off in advance for my child if he/she needs to be absent from school.
- Informing the school by text, email or telephone on the first day of absence giving the reason for my child's absence.
- Making certain my child has a school bag including the following correct equipment (2 pens, a pencil, a ruler, a rubber, a sharpener, all maths equipment including a calculator, and a refillable water bottle and PE kit.
- Making certain my child brings a suitable reading book to school each day.
- Attending meetings including parents' evenings with relevant members of staff to support my child.
- Encouraging positive attitudes towards school, learning and homework.
- Keeping up to date with information about how you can support your child, including using the Class Charts App.
- Supporting my child with completing set homework and promote additional reading at home.
- Talking to my child about the internet sites they use and report any concerns using the Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) button on the HT website.
- Making early contact with the school on any matters affecting my child's progress, welfare or behaviour, including any medical conditions.
- Ensuring that if my child rides a bicycle to school, he/she rides it safely, it is well maintained. We would strongly recommend your child wears a cycle helmet.
- Keeping the school informed about changes to my contact details.
- Keeping informed of school events by reading HT News and regularly checking the school website and Class Charts App.
- Setting a good example to my own child and other students by respecting all members of the school community.

Signed (Parent/Carer): \_\_\_\_\_

## Agreement for Students

I will make sure I am ready, respectful and safe for school by:

- Making sure I am on time to school each day and ready to learn in correct school uniform and have the correct equipment.
- Working to the best of my ability and being proud of my achievements.
- Not doing anything to bring the school into disrepute and being considerate and polite to members of the community, including on the way to and from school.
- Making sure I am polite, considerate and respectful to all staff, visitors and other students within the school.
- Following staff instructions at all times, and following all of the rules, guidance and expectations about health and safety.
- Being ready to learn and engage in all activities in lessons and trying my best at all times.
- Not disrupting any lesson, and if I do not understand an instruction or information, I will ask a teacher.
- Behaving responsibly and appropriately when using social networking sites, the internet and websites, and reporting any concerns via the Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) button on the HT website.
- Paying attention to road safety on my way to and from school, ensuring that if I ride a bicycle to school, I will ride it safely and wear a cycle helmet.
- Following the school's policies on e-safety, including the use of mobile phones and social media.
- Looking after the school environment and keeping it litter free.

Signed (Student): \_\_\_\_\_

## Agreement for the School

Haileybury Turnford staff agree to:

- Be calm and consistent, treat your child fairly, care for and nurture them, promoting their well-being.
- Help your child to develop a sense of responsibility and be considerate of others.
- Encourage, reward and celebrate when students go above and beyond.
- Ensure your child is well taught and provided with clear feedback to secure good progress.
- Keep you well informed about your child's academic progress and achievements.
- Keep you well informed about any concerns about your child's work, behaviour or relationships.
- Take prompt action when we are concerned about attendance and/or unauthorised absence.
- Keep you well informed about school events and general school matters.
- Provide appropriate guidance to enable your child to fulfil their potential and to make informed choices at each stage of their learning.
- Encourage and insist on high standards of behaviour, good manners and consideration for others.
- Provide a broad range of subjects and a variety of co-curricular activities.
- Provide information about school activities and events through HT News, the school website, social media, letters and Class Charts announcements.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure that all students are safe and secure.

Signed: (Principal): \_\_\_\_\_