

## The Stephen Perse Foundation Parent Contract

### The Stephen Perse Foundation terms and conditions

#### 1 Introduction

1.1 **Terms and conditions:** These terms and conditions reflect the custom and practice of independent schools for many generations and together with:

- 1.1.1 the letter of offer;
- 1.1.2 the Conditions of Award if applicable;
- 1.1.3 the Acceptance Form; and
- 1.1.4 the fees list

they form the basis of a legally binding contract between the Parents and the Stephen Perse Foundation for the provision of educational services. These terms and conditions are intended to promote the education and welfare of pupils and the stability, forward-planning, proper resourcing and development of the Stephen Perse Foundation.

1.2 **Variations:** these terms and conditions, the Conditions of Award (if applicable) and the fees list are subject to change from time to time to reflect changes in the law or in custom and practice at the Foundation.

1.3 **Fees and Notice:** The rules concerning Fees and Notice are of particular importance and are set out in Section 4 and Section 9.

1.4 **Managing change:** The Stephen Perse Foundation, as any other school, is likely to undergo a number of changes during the time your child is a pupil here. Please see Section 11 for further details of the changes that may be made and the consultation and notice procedures that will apply.

#### 2 Terminology

2.1 **The Foundation or We or Us:** means the Stephen Perse Foundation as now or in the future constituted (and any successor). The Foundation is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee.

2.2 **The School:** means as applicable one of the Schools operated by the Foundation as described here:

- 2.2.1 Dame Bradbury's School for boys and girls aged 4 to 11 years,
- 2.2.2 The Stephen Perse Rosedale House for boys and girls aged 4 to 11 years, and

2.2.3 The Stephen Perse Senior School and Sixth Form for boys and girls aged 11 to 18+ years.

2.3 **Foundation Governors or Governing Body:** means the Governors of the Foundation who are appointed from time to time under the terms of its governing instrument and who are responsible for governance of the Foundation.

2.4 **The Principal:** means the Principal of the Foundation as appointed by the Foundation Governors. This definition encompasses anyone to whom the functions of the Principal have been reasonably delegated including where applicable:

2.4.1 the Vice Principal,

2.4.2 the Head of Early Years,

2.4.3 the Head of Dame Bradbury's School,

2.4.4 the Head of Rosedale House,

2.4.5 the Head of the Stephen Perse Senior School,

2.4.6 the Head of the Stephen Perse Sixth Form, and

2.4.7 the Head of Boarding.

The Principal is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Foundation.

2.5 **Parents or You:** means any person who has signed the Acceptance Form. The Parents are legally responsible, jointly and severally, for complying with their obligations under these terms and conditions. Fees payable by a third party (for example, an employer, grandparent, step-parent without Parental Responsibility or third party credit provider) will be subject to a separate agreement between the Foundation, the Parents and the third party. Please also see clause 4.3 and clause 11.6.

2.6 **Parental Responsibility:** Those who have Parental Responsibility (i.e. legal responsibility for the Pupil) are entitled to receive relevant information concerning the Pupil whether or not they are a party to this contract unless a court order has been made to the contrary, or there are other reasons which justify withholding information to safeguard the best interests and welfare of the Pupil.

2.7 **Pupil:** means the child named on the Acceptance Form. The age of the Pupil will be calculated in accordance with British custom.

### 3 **Admission and entry to the Foundation**

3.1 **Registration and Admission:** Applicants will be considered as candidates for Admission and Entry to the Foundation when the registration form has been completed and submitted to Us via Our online admissions portal and the non-returnable Registration Fee paid. Admission will be subject to the availability of a place and the Pupil and the Parents satisfying the admission requirements at the relevant time. **Admission** occurs when the Parents accept the offer of a place. **Entry** occurs on the date when the Pupil attends the Foundation for the first time under these terms and conditions.

- 3.2 **Equality:** The Foundation is a mainstream boarding and day school for boys and girls aged from 4 to 18+ years. The Foundation welcomes staff and children from many different ethnic groups, backgrounds and creeds. Human rights and freedoms are respected. At present, our physical facilities for the disabled are limited but We will do all that is reasonable to ensure that the Foundation's culture, policies and procedures are made accessible to children who have disabilities and to comply with our legal and moral responsibilities under equality legislation in order to accommodate the needs of applicants and Pupils who have disabilities for which, after reasonable adjustments, We can cater adequately.
- 3.3 **Offer of a place and Acceptance Fee:** An **Acceptance Fee** as shown on the fees list for the relevant year will be payable when the Parents accept the offer of a place. Save where clause 9.7 applies, the Acceptance Fee is non-refundable.
- 3.4 **Refundable Deposit:** A **Refundable Deposit** as shown on the fees list for the relevant year will also be payable when the Parents accept the offer of a place. The Refundable Deposit will be retained in the general funds of the Foundation until the Pupil leaves and will be repaid by means of a credit without interest to the final payment of Fees or other sums due to the Foundation on leaving, unless stated otherwise in these terms and conditions. Please also see clause 9.7.
- 3.5 **Immigration:** The Foundation currently is a registered UK Visas and Immigration sponsor. Sponsorship is available exclusively to boarding students and students who reside with their parents in the United Kingdom throughout their period of education with the Foundation. The Parents must inform the Admissions Registrar when submitting a completed registration form (or as soon as possible if not known at the time of registration) if their child requires sponsorship from the Foundation in order to obtain a visa to study at the Foundation. It shall be the Parents' responsibility at all times to ensure that their child has the appropriate immigration permission to live in the United Kingdom and to study at the Foundation and the Parents shall permit the Foundation to take and retain copies of all documentation required to be kept by the Foundation in order to comply with its duties as a student sponsor. Please also see clause 9.16.

## 4 Fees

- 4.1 **Fees:** may include alone or in combination any of the Registration Fee, the Acceptance Fee, the Refundable Deposit, tuition fees, boarding fees, fees for extra tuition, other extras such as house charges, clothing and equipment, transport to/from school, public examination fees, photographs or other items ordered by the Parents or the Pupil or charges arising in respect of educational visits, or damage where the Pupil alone or with others has caused wilful loss or damage to Foundation property or the property of any other person (fair wear and tear excluded), or bank charges arising from default in Fees payment or late payment charges if incurred.
- 4.2 **Payment of Fees:** The Parents jointly and severally agree to pay the Fees applicable to each Term directly to the Foundation. Except where a separate agreement has been made between the Parents and the Foundation for the deferment of payment of Fees, Fees for each Term are due and payable as cleared funds before admission to the Foundation's boarding accommodation (if applicable) and before the commencement of the School Term to which the Fees relate. If an item on the fees invoice is under query, the balance of that fees invoice must be paid. The Foundation reserves the right to refuse a payment if it is not satisfied as to the identity of the payer or the source of the funds.

- 4.3 **Payment of Fees by a third party:** An agreement with a third party (such as an employer, grandparent, step-parent without parental responsibility or third party credit provider) to pay the Fees or any other sum due to the Foundation does not release the Parents from liability if the third party defaults and does not affect the operation of any other of these terms and conditions unless an express release has been given in writing, signed by the Chief Financial Officer. The Foundation reserves the right to refuse a payment from a third party.
- 4.4 **Indemnity:** If the Foundation is required to repay all or part of any sum received from a third party credit provider on behalf of the Parents, the Parents shall indemnify the Foundation against all losses, expenses (including legal expenses) and interest suffered or incurred by the Foundation.
- 4.5 **Refund or waiver:** Save where there is a legal liability including liability under a court order or under the provisions of this agreement to make a refund or reduction Fees will not be refunded, reduced or waived if:
- 4.5.1 the Pupil is absent through illness; or
  - 4.5.2 a Term is shortened or a vacation extended; or
  - 4.5.3 the Pupil is released home before or after public examinations or otherwise before the normal end of a Term; or
  - 4.5.4 the Foundation or one or more of the Schools is temporarily closed due to adverse weather conditions; or
  - 4.5.5 for any reason other than exceptionally and at the sole discretion of the Principal in a case of genuine hardship.

See also Section 10 for information about events beyond the control of the parties.

- 4.6 **Exclusion for non-payment:** The Foundation reserves the right to exclude the Pupil on three days' written notice if Fees are overdue for payment or if the Parents fail to provide information reasonably requested by the Foundation about the identity of the payer of any Fees or the source of the funds. If the Pupil is excluded for a period of 28 days, he / she will be deemed withdrawn without Notice and a Term's Fees in lieu of Notice will be payable in accordance with Section 9. Exclusion in these circumstances is not a disciplinary matter and the right to a Governors' Review will not normally arise. The Foundation may withhold any information, character references or property while Fees remain overdue where it is lawful to do so.
- 4.7 **Late payment:** Save where alternative provisions for the payment of interest are contained in a separate consumer credit agreement made between the Parents and the Foundation, simple interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on Fees which are unpaid. The rate of interest charged will be at up to 1.5% per month accruing on a daily basis which represents a genuine pre-estimate of the cost to the Foundation of a default. The Parents shall also be liable to pay all costs, fees, disbursements and charges including legal fees and costs reasonably incurred by the Foundation in the recovery of any unpaid Fees regardless of the value of the Foundation's claim.
- 4.8 **Part-payment:** Any sum tendered that is less than the sum due and owing may be accepted by the Foundation on account only. Late payment charges may be applied to any unpaid balance of Fees, as set out in clause 4.7.

- 4.9 **Appropriation:** Save where the Parents expressly state the contrary, the Foundation shall allocate payments made to the earliest balance on the Fees account. The Parents agree that a payment made in respect of one child may also be appropriated by the Foundation to the unpaid account of any other child of the Parents.
- 4.10 **Instalment arrangements:** An agreement by the Foundation to accept payment of current and / or past and / or future Fees by instalments is concessionary and will be subject to separate agreement(s) between the Parents and the Foundation. Where there are inconsistencies between these terms and conditions and those of any instalment agreement or invoice issued by the Foundation to the Parents (as applicable), the terms and conditions of the instalment agreement or the invoice shall prevail.
- 4.11 **Scholarships and bursaries:** Every scholarship, exhibition, bursary or other award or concession is a discretionary privilege, subject to high standards of attendance, diligence and behaviour on the Pupil's part and to the Parents treating the Foundation and its staff reasonably. The terms on which such awards are offered and accepted will be notified to the Parents at the time of offer. Any value attached to a scholarship shall be deducted from Fees before any bursary or other concession is calculated or assessed. A copy of the Foundation's Admissions Policy is available on the Foundation's website or on written request.
- 4.12 **Fees increases:** Fees are reviewed annually and are subject to increase from time to time. If the Parents receive less than a Term's notice of a Fees increase they may give to the Foundation written Notice of Withdrawal of the Pupil within 21 days and will not be liable to pay Fees in lieu of Notice. The Acceptance Fee will be retained by the Foundation but the Refundable Deposit will be refunded without interest, less any sums owing to the Foundation.
- 4.13 **Information about Fees:** The Parents acknowledge that the Foundation may make enquiries of the Pupil's previous schools for confirmation that all sums due and owing to such schools have been paid. The Parents also acknowledge that the Foundation may inform any other school or educational establishment to which the Pupil is to be transferred if any Fees of the Foundation are unpaid.
- 4.14 **Identity of Fees payer:** From time to time the Foundation may need to obtain satisfactory evidence of the identity of a person who is paying Fees, such as sight of a passport.

## 5 Educational matters

- 5.1 **Provision of education:** The Foundation will do all that is reasonable to provide an educational environment and teaching of a range, standard and quality which is suitable for each pupil and to provide education to at least the standard required by law in the particular circumstances. The Foundation will exercise reasonable care and skill in providing educational services for the Pupil but cannot guarantee that the Pupil will achieve his / her desired examination results or that results will be sufficient to gain entry to other educational establishments.
- 5.2 **Organisation of the curriculum:** We reserve the right to organise the curriculum and its delivery in a way which, in the professional judgement of the Principal, is most appropriate to the Foundation community as a whole. The curriculum includes teaching which actively promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We will endeavour to inform the Parents of significant changes to the curriculum and the reasons for

them as soon as practicable. If the Parents have specific requirements or concerns about any aspect of the Pupil's education or progress they should contact the Pupil's tutor, or other appropriate member of staff, as soon as possible, or contact the Principal in the case of a serious concern.

- 5.3 **Progress reports:** The Foundation shall monitor the Pupil's progress and shall report regularly to the Parents by means of grades, full written reports and consultation / parents' meetings.
- 5.4 **Sex education:** The Pupil will receive health and life skills education appropriate to his / her age in accordance with the curriculum from time to time unless the Parents have given formal notice in writing that they do not wish the Pupil to take part in this aspect of the curriculum.
- 5.5 **Public examinations:** The Principal may, after consultation with the Parents and the Pupil, decline to enter the Pupil's name for a public examination if, in the exercise of his / her professional judgement, the Principal considers that by doing so the Pupil's prospects in other examinations would be impaired and / or if the Pupil has not prepared for the examination with sufficient diligence, for example, because the Pupil has not worked or revised in accordance with advice or instruction from his / her tutors.
- 5.6 **Examination services:** The Principal may, after consultation with the Parents and, if appropriate, the Pupil, decline to apply for access arrangements or post-examination services if, in his /her professional judgement, it is considered not to be in the best interests of the Pupil or the examination cohort to do so.
- 5.7 **Reports and references:** Information supplied to the Parents and others concerning the progress and character of the Pupil, and about examinations, further education and career prospects, and any references shall be given conscientiously and with all due care and skill but otherwise without liability on the part of the Foundation.
- 5.8 **Learning difficulties:** The Foundation shall do all that is reasonable to detect and deal appropriately with a learning difficulty which is considered to be a "special educational need". The Foundation staff are not, however, qualified to make a diagnosis of conditions such as those commonly referred to as dyslexia, or of other learning difficulties.
- 5.9 **Screening for learning difficulties:** The screening tests available to schools are indicative only: they are not infallible. The Parents will be notified if a screening test indicates that the Pupil may have a learning difficulty. A formal assessment can be arranged by the Foundation at the Parents' expense or by the Parents themselves.
- 5.10 **Information about learning difficulties:** The Parents shall notify the Principal when completing the Foundation's Confidential Information Form and subsequently in writing if at any time they are aware or suspect that the Pupil (or anyone in his or her immediate family) has a learning difficulty and the Parents must provide the Foundation with copies of all written reports and other relevant information. The Pupil's place will be cancelled, or, once the Pupil has started, Parents will be asked to withdraw the Pupil, without further charge if in the professional judgement of the Principal and after consultation with the Parents and with the Pupil (where appropriate), the Foundation is unable to provide adequately for the Pupil's special educational needs. The Principal reserves the right to charge for the provision of additional teaching where it is lawful to do so.

- 5.11 **Moving up the Foundation:** It is assumed that if the Pupil satisfies the relevant criteria at the time, he / she will progress through the Foundation and will ultimately complete Year 13. The Parents will be consulted before the end of the Spring Term if there appears to be any reason why the Pupil may be refused a place at the next stage of the Foundation or at the next applicable School operated by the Foundation. The Parents must give a Term's Notice in writing (i.e. before the start of the Summer Term) in accordance with the provisions about Notice in Section 9 below if they do not intend the Pupil to proceed to the next stage of the Foundation or to the next applicable School operated by the Foundation, or a Term's Fees in lieu of Notice will be payable.
- 5.12 **Intellectual property:** Where the Pupil creates a copyright work, including where the work is created jointly with a member of staff or another pupil, the Foundation may use that work for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Foundation, including exhibiting it, publishing it in the Foundation newsletters or putting it or a copy of it on the Foundation's website.
- 5.13 **Pupil's work:** The Parents consent for themselves and (so far as they are entitled to do so) on behalf of the Pupil, to the Foundation retaining the Pupil's original work until, in the professional judgement of the Principal, it is appropriate to release the work to the Pupil. Certain coursework may have to be retained for longer than other work in order to reduce the risk of cheating. This does not prejudice the Pupil's or the Parents' right to access their personal data under data protection law. We will take reasonable care to preserve the Pupil's work undamaged but cannot accept liability for loss or damage caused to this or any other property of the Pupil by factors outside the direct control of the Principal or staff.
- 5.14 **Consent for educational visits:** A variety of educational visits will be provided for the Pupil. Parents will be provided with relevant information in advance of educational visits. Unless Parents specifically notify the Foundation in writing that they do not wish the Pupil to take part in a specific educational visit, by signing the acceptance form or agreeing to be bound by these terms and conditions the Parents consent to the Pupil taking part in all educational visits. These include:
- 5.14.1 off-site activities involving pupils aged 5 or under; or
  - 5.14.2 visits (including overnight or residential stays) which take place during the weekends or school holidays; or
  - 5.14.3 non-routine off-site activities and sporting fixtures which extend beyond the normal start and finish of the school day; or
  - 5.14.4 adventure activities which may take place at any time.
- The Parents agree that the Pupil shall be subject to Foundation discipline in all respects whilst engaged in an educational visit.
- 5.15 **The cost of educational visits:** The Foundation will advise the Parents in advance of any additional costs associated with an educational visit, including those visits described in clause 5.14.1 to clause 5.14.4 above. The cost of such a visit will be payable in advance and may be subject to a separate agreement. All additional costs (such as medical costs, taxis, airfares, or professional advice) incurred to protect the Pupil's safety and welfare, or to respond to breaches of discipline, will be added to the Fees invoice. The Foundation reserves the right to prevent the Pupil from taking part in an educational visit while overdue Fees remain unpaid.

## 6 Pastoral care

- 6.1 **The Foundation's commitment:** We will do all that is reasonable to safeguard and promote the Pupil's welfare and to provide pastoral care to at least the standard required by law in the particular circumstances. We will respect the Pupil's human rights and freedoms which must, however, be balanced with the lawful needs and rules of the Foundation community and the rights and freedoms of others.
- 6.2 **Complaints:** Any expression of dissatisfaction about action taken, or a lack of action by the Foundation where the Parents seek action by Us must be notified to the Foundation as soon as practicable. A copy of the Foundation's complaints procedure is available on the Foundation website and can also be supplied on request. See also clause 8.18.
- 6.3 **Pupil's rights:** The Pupil, if of sufficient maturity and understanding, has certain legal rights that the Foundation must observe. These include the right to give or withhold consent in a variety of circumstances and certain rights to confidentiality and, usually, the right to have contact with his / her parents. If any conflict of interest arises between the Parents and the Pupil, the rights of, and duties owed to, the Pupil will in most cases take precedence over the rights of, and duties owed to, the Parents.
- 6.4 **Principal's authority:** The Parents authorise the Principal to take and / or authorise in good faith all decisions which the Principal considers on proper grounds will safeguard and promote the Pupil's welfare. Please see Section 7.
- 6.5 **Ethos:** The ethos of the Foundation is to foster good relationships between pupils and between members of staff and pupils. Bullying, harassment, victimisation and discrimination will not be tolerated. The Foundation and its staff will act fairly in relation to the Pupil and the Parents and We expect the same of the Pupil and the Parents in relation to the Foundation or its staff.
- 6.6 **Physical contact:** The Parents consent to such physical contact with the Pupil:
- 6.6.1 as may accord with good practice; or
  - 6.6.2 as may be appropriate and proper for teaching and instruction; or
  - 6.6.3 for providing comfort to the Pupil in distress; or
  - 6.6.4 to maintain safety and good order; or
  - 6.6.5 in connection with the Pupil's health and welfare.

The Parents also consent to the Pupil participating in contact and non-contact sports and other activities as part of the normal Foundation programme or extra-curricular programme. The Parents acknowledge that while the Foundation will provide appropriate supervision the risk of injury cannot be eliminated.

- 6.7 **Disclosures:** The Parents must, as soon as possible, disclose to the Foundation in confidence:
- 6.7.1 any known medical condition, health problem or allergy affecting the Pupil;
  - 6.7.2 any history of a learning difficulty on the part of the Pupil or any member of his / her immediate family;



- 6.7.3 any disability, special educational need or any behavioural, emotional difficulty and / or social difficulty on the part of the Pupil;
  - 6.7.4 any family circumstances, court proceedings or court order which might affect the Pupil's welfare or happiness;
  - 6.7.5 any concerns about the Pupil's safety;
  - 6.7.6 any significant change in the financial circumstances of the Parents;
  - 6.7.7 if it is the Parents' intention that the Pupil is to be cared for and accommodated by someone who is not a close relative for a period of 28 days or more except when the Pupil is boarding at the Foundation.
- 6.8 **Confidentiality:** The Parents authorise the Principal to override their own and (so far as they are entitled to do so) the Pupil's rights to confidentiality, and to impart confidential information on a need-to-know basis where necessary to safeguard or promote the Pupil's welfare or to avert a perceived risk of serious harm to the Pupil or to another person at the Foundation. In some cases, members of staff may need to be informed of any particular vulnerability the Pupil may have. The Principal reserves the right to monitor the Pupil's use of:
- 6.8.1 email;
  - 6.8.2 the internet; and
  - 6.8.3 mobile electronic devices.
- See also the Foundation's policy on acceptable use of technology which is available on the Foundation's website.
- 6.9 **Special precautions:** The Principal needs to be aware of any matters that are relevant to the Pupil's safety and security. Accordingly, the Parents must notify the Principal in writing immediately of any court orders or situations of risk in relation to the Pupil for whom any special safety precautions may be needed. The Principal may exclude the Parents from Foundation premises if the Principal, acting in a proper manner, considers such exclusion to be in the best interests of the Pupil or any other member of the Foundation community.
- 6.10 **Leaving Foundation premises:** The Foundation will do all that is reasonable to ensure that the Pupil remains in the care of the Foundation during School hours but We cannot accept responsibility for the Pupil if he / she leaves Foundation premises in breach of Foundation rules or regulations. The Foundation is not legally entitled to prevent a pupil aged 16 years or over from leaving Foundation premises during School hours.
- 6.11 **Residence during Term time:** The Pupil, except when boarding, is required during Term time and at weekends and half term, to live with the Parents or a legal guardian or with an education guardian acceptable to the Foundation. The Principal must be notified in writing immediately if the Pupil will be residing during Term time under the care of someone other than the Parents or his / her education guardian.
- 6.12 **Communications from the Parents:** Communications or instructions from one of the Parents or any person with Parental Responsibility shall be deemed by the Foundation to be received from both Parents unless there is clear evidence of a contrary view. This requirement does not apply to the giving of Notice for the Cancellation of the place or the Withdrawal of the

Pupil from the Foundation. Those persons who are required to consent to or to give Notice of Cancellation or Withdrawal are set out in clause 9.2.

- 6.13 **Absence of the Parents:** When both the Parents will be absent from the Pupil's home overnight or for a 24 hour period or longer, the Head of School must be told in writing the name, address and telephone number for 24 hour contact with the adult who will have the care of the Pupil.
- 6.14 **Education guardians for Boarding Pupils:** The Parents, if resident outside the United Kingdom, must before Entry appoint an education guardian for the Pupil in the United Kingdom who has been given legal authority to act on behalf of the Parents in all respects and to whom the Foundation can apply for authorities when necessary. The Foundation can accept no responsibility for the Pupil when he / she is in the care of the Parents or the education guardian. The Parents or the education guardian must make holiday arrangements, including travel to and from the Foundation, in advance. The responsibility for choosing an appropriate education guardian rests solely with the Parents. The Parents are responsible in each case for satisfying themselves as to the suitability of an education guardian. It is expected that the Parents will appoint an education guardian via a reputable organisation, preferably a member organisation of the Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students. The Parents shall immediately on appointment provide the Foundation with up to date contact details for the appointed education guardian and shall immediately notify the Foundation of any changes to those details. In the event that arrangements made by the Parents with the education guardian break down, the Foundation reserves the right to appoint an emergency education guardian, the cost of which shall be borne by the Parents.
- 6.15 **Photographs or images (including video recordings):** The Foundation may obtain and use photographs or images (including video recordings) of the Pupil for:
- 6.15.1 use in the Foundation's promotional material such as the prospectus, the website or social media;
  - 6.15.2 press and media purposes; or
  - 6.15.3 educational purposes as part of the curriculum or extra-curricular activities.
- Please see the Pupil Privacy Notices for more information about how the Foundation uses photographs and videos of pupils. The Foundation may seek specific consent from the Parents before using a photograph or video recording of the Pupil where the Foundation considers that the use is more privacy intrusive. Where the Pupil is of sufficient maturity (usually when aged 12 years or older) We may seek the Pupil's specific prior consent in addition to or instead of the Parents' consent. We would not disclose the full name of the Pupil alongside a photograph or video without the Parents' consent.
- 6.16 **Request for confidentiality:** The Parents may ask Us to keep information about the Pupil confidential. For example, You may ask Us to not use photographs of the Pupil in promotional material or ask Us to keep the fact that the Pupil is on the School roll confidential. If the Parents would like information about the Pupil to be kept confidential, they must immediately contact the Principal in writing, requesting an acknowledgment of their letter.

- 6.17 **Transport:** The Parents consent to the Pupil travelling by any form of public transport and / or in a motor vehicle driven by a responsible adult who is duly licensed and insured to drive a vehicle of that type.
- 6.18 **Pupil's personal property:** The Pupil is responsible for the security and safe use of all his / her personal property including money, mobile electronic devices, locker keys, watches, computers, musical instruments and sports equipment, and for property lent to him / her by the Foundation.
- 6.19 **Insurance:** The Parents are responsible for insurance of the Pupil's personal property whilst at the Foundation or on the way to and from the Foundation or any Foundation-sponsored activity away from Foundation premises.
- 6.20 **Foundation's liability:** Unless negligent or guilty of some other wrongdoing causing injury, loss or damage, the Foundation does not accept responsibility for accidental injury or other loss caused to the Pupil or the Parents or for loss or damage to property.

## 7 Health and medical matters

- 7.1 **Medical declaration:** The Parents will be asked to complete a Medical Information and Consent Form concerning the Pupil's health and must inform the Principal in writing if the Pupil develops any known medical condition, health problem or allergy, or will be unable to take part in games or sporting activities, or has been in contact with anyone with an infectious or contagious disease.
- 7.2 **Medical care:** If a boarder, the Pupil must be registered with the local practice identified by the Foundation unless the Parents are resident in the UK and they prefer the Pupil to remain where they are currently registered. The Parents must comply with the Foundation's recommendations which may include a reasonable decision to release the Pupil home or to his / her education guardian when he / she is unwell.
- 7.3 **Pupil's health:** The Principal may at any time require a medical opinion or certificate as to the Pupil's general health where the Principal considers it necessary as a matter of professional judgement in the interests of the Pupil and / or the Foundation community. The Pupil, if of sufficient age and maturity, is entitled to insist on confidentiality which can be overridden in the Pupil's own interests or where necessary for the protection of other members of the Foundation community.
- 7.4 **Medical information:** Throughout the Pupil's time as a member of the Foundation, the Foundation shall have the right to disclose confidential information about the Pupil if it is considered to be in the Pupil's own interests or necessary for the protection of other members of the Foundation community. Such information will be given and received on a confidential, need-to-know basis.
- 7.5 **Emergency medical treatment:** The Parents authorise the Principal to consent on their behalf to the Pupil receiving emergency medical treatment where certified by an appropriately qualified person as necessary for the Pupil's welfare and if the Parents cannot be contacted in time.

## 8 Behaviour and discipline

- 8.1 **School regime:** The Parents accept that the Foundation will be run in accordance with the authorities delegated by the Governing Body to the Principal. The Principal is entitled to

exercise a wide discretion in relation to the Foundation's policies, rules and regime and will exercise that discretion in a reasonable and lawful manner, and with procedural fairness when the status of the Pupil is at issue.

- 8.2 **Conduct and attendance:** We attach importance to courtesy, integrity, good manners, good discipline and respect for the needs of others. The Parents warrant that the Pupil will take a full part in the activities of the Foundation, will attend each School day, will be punctual, will work hard, will be well-behaved and will comply with the Foundation rules about the wearing of uniform and general appearance.
- 8.3 **School rules:** The various Foundation School rules which apply are set out on the Foundation website and other documents published from time to time. The Parents are requested to read these documents carefully with the Pupil before they accept the offer of a place.
- 8.4 **Foundation discipline:** The Parents accept the authority of the Principal and of other members of staff on the Principal's behalf to take all reasonable disciplinary or preventative action necessary to safeguard and promote the welfare of the Pupil and the Foundation community as a whole. The Foundation's Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions Policy which is current at the time and published on the Foundation website applies to all Pupils at the Foundation and at all times when the Pupil is in the care of the Foundation, or wearing Foundation uniform, travelling to or from the Foundation, on Foundation-organised trips or associated with the Foundation at any time. The policy shall also apply at all times and places in circumstances where failing to apply this policy may affect the health, safety or wellbeing of a member of the Foundation community or a member of the public, have repercussions for the orderly running of the Foundation or bring the Foundation into disrepute.
- 8.5 **Investigative action:** An allegation, complaint or rumour of misconduct will be investigated. The Pupil may be questioned and his / her belongings may be searched in appropriate circumstances. All reasonable care will be taken to protect the Pupil's rights and freedoms. The Parents will be informed as soon as reasonably practicable after it becomes clear that the Pupil may face formal disciplinary action, unless the Foundation is prevented from doing so by the police, if they are involved. If considered necessary, the Foundation may make arrangements for legal representation for the Pupil to be funded at the Parents' expense.
- 8.6 **Procedural fairness:** Investigation of an allegation, complaint or rumour that could lead to Expulsion, Requirement to Leave or Withdrawal of the Pupil in any of the circumstances explained below shall be carried out in a fair and unbiased manner. If a disciplinary meeting with the Head of School and/or the Principal is required before a decision is taken, the Foundation will make reasonable efforts to notify the Parents or education guardian so that they can attend. In the absence of the Parents or education guardian, the Pupil will be assisted by an adult (usually a teacher) of his / her choice.
- 8.7 **Divulging information:** Except as required by law, the Foundation and its staff shall not be required to divulge to the Parents or others any confidential information or the identities of pupils or others who have given information which has led to the complaint or which the Principal has acquired during an investigation.
- 8.8 **Drugs and alcohol:** The Pupil may be given the opportunity to provide a biological sample under medical supervision if involvement with drugs is suspected, or a sample of breath to test for alcohol consumed in breach of Foundation rules or policy. A sample or test in these circumstances will not form part of the Pupil's permanent medical record.

8.9 **Sanctions:** The Foundation's current policies on sanctions are contained in the Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions policy on the Foundation website and are available to the Parents on request before they accept the offer of a place. Those policies may undergo reasonable change from time to time but will not authorise any form of unlawful activity. Sanctions may include a requirement to undertake menial but not degrading tasks on behalf of the Foundation or external community, detention for a reasonable period, withdrawal of privileges, Fixed-Term Exclusion, Suspension, Requirement to Leave or Expulsion.

8.10 **Definitions of sanctions:** The definitions in this clause apply in these terms and conditions.

**Expulsion:** means that the Pupil is required to leave the Foundation permanently in circumstances described in clause **8.11**.

**Requirement to Leave:** means that the Pupil is required to leave the Foundation permanently in circumstances described in clause **8.13**.

**Suspension or Fixed-Term Exclusion:** means that the Pupil is sent or released home for a limited period as either a disciplinary sanction or pending the outcome of an investigation or pending a Governors' Review.

**Withdrawal:** has the meaning set out in clause **9.10**.

8.11 **Expulsion:** The Pupil may be formally expelled from the Foundation if it is proved on the balance of probabilities that the Pupil has committed a very grave breach of discipline or a serious criminal offence. Expulsion is reserved for the most serious breaches. The Principal shall act with procedural fairness in all such cases. The Principal's decision to expel shall be subject to a Governors' Review if requested by the Parents. The Parents will be given a copy of the Review procedure current at the time. The Pupil shall be suspended from the Foundation pending the outcome of the Review. See clause 8.16 and clause 8.17.

8.12 **Fees following Expulsion:** If the Pupil is expelled, there will be no refund of the Acceptance Fee or of Fees for the current or past Terms but the Refundable Deposit will be refunded without interest less any sums owing to the Foundation. There will be no charge to Fees in lieu of Notice but, save for any contrary provisions in any other agreement made between the Parents and the Foundation, all arrears of Fees and any other sums due to the Foundation will be payable.

8.13 **Requirement to Leave in other circumstances:** The Pupil may be Required to Leave the Foundation or boarding permanently if, after consultation with the Parents and, if appropriate, the Pupil, the Principal is of the opinion that:

8.13.1 the Pupil has committed a breach or breaches of School rules or discipline for which Requirement to Leave is the appropriate sanction; or

8.13.2 by reason of the Pupil's conduct, behaviour or progress, the Pupil is unwilling or unable to benefit sufficiently from the educational opportunities and / or the community life offered by the Foundation; or

8.13.3 the behaviour or conduct of one or both of the Parents is unreasonable; and/or adversely affects (or is likely to adversely affect) the Pupil's or other pupils' progress at the Foundation, or the wellbeing of Foundation staff; and/or brings (or is likely to bring) the Foundation into disrepute; and/or is not in accordance with the Parents' obligations under this contract;

in these circumstances, and at the sole discretion of the Principal, Withdrawal of the Pupil by the Parents may be permitted as an alternative to Requirement to Leave. The Principal shall act with procedural fairness in all such cases, and shall have regard to the interests of the Pupil and the Parents as well as those of the Foundation. The Principal's decision to Require the Pupil to Leave shall be subject to a Governors' Review if requested by the Parents. The Parents will be given a copy of the Review procedure current at the time. The Pupil shall be suspended from the Foundation pending the outcome of the Review. See clause 8.16 and clause 8.17.

- 8.14 **Fees following Requirement to Leave:** If the Pupil is Required to Leave or is Withdrawn in the circumstances described in clause 8.13, the provisions relating to Fees shall be as set out in clause 8.12.
- 8.15 **Leaving status:** The Foundation reserves the right to record the leaving status of the Pupil on the Pupil's file immediately after Expulsion or Requirement to Leave or Withdrawal.
- 8.16 **Governors' Review:** The Parents may request a review by Governors (**Governors' Review**) of a decision to expel or require the Pupil to leave the Foundation or boarding (but not a decision to suspend or exclude the Pupil unless the Suspension or Exclusion is for 11 School days or more, or would prevent the Pupil taking a public examination). The Principal will advise the Parents of the Governors' Review procedure current at that time when s/he informs the Parents of his /her decision. A Governors' Review will be conducted under fair procedures in accordance with the requirements of natural justice.
- 8.17 **Pupil's status pending Review:** If the Parents request a Governors' Review, the Pupil will be suspended from the Foundation until the Review procedure has been completed. While suspended, the Pupil shall remain away from the Foundation and will have no right to enter Foundation premises during that time without written permission from the Principal.
- 8.18 **Complaints procedure:** A complaint as described in clause 6.2 above which does not involve an Expulsion or Requirement to Leave must be made in accordance with the Foundation's complaints procedure, a copy of which is available on the Foundation's website and on request. Every reasonable complaint shall receive fair and proper consideration and a timely response.

## 9 Provisions about Notice

- 9.1 **Term:** means the period between and including the first and last days of the relevant school term.
- 9.2 **Notice:** means (unless the contrary is stated in these terms and conditions) a Term's Written Notice given by:
- 9.2.1 both Parents; or
- 9.2.2 one of the Parents with the prior written consent of the other Parent; and
- 9.2.3 in either case the prior written consent of any other person with Parental Responsibility where appropriate

before the first day of Term addressed to and received by the Principal personally or the relevant Head of School on the Principal's behalf. It is expected that the Parents will consult with the Principal before giving Notice to withdraw the Pupil. The Parents should contact the

Foundation if no acknowledgement of the Notice is received from the Foundation within seven days of the date of the Notice.

- 9.3 **A Term's Written Notice:** means Notice given before the first day of a Term and expiring at the end of that Term. A Term's Written Notice must be given if:
- 9.3.1 the Parents wish to cancel the place after acceptance; or
  - 9.3.2 the Parents wish to withdraw the Pupil who has entered the Foundation;
  - 9.3.3 the Parents or the Pupil wish(es) to transfer from boarding to day status or vice versa, or between categories of boarding;
  - 9.3.4 the Parents or the Pupil wish(es), subject to availability, to transfer from one of the Foundation schools/sites to another outside of the normal transition points; or
  - 9.3.5 following the GCSE year, the Pupil will not return for the following year even if he / she has achieved the required grades.
- 9.4 **Provisional notice:** is valid only for the Term in which it is given. Provisional notice must be given in writing and received by the Principal personally or the relevant Head of School on the Principal's behalf.
- 9.5 **Fees in lieu of Notice:** in circumstances where the Parents have not given a Term's Written Notice, Fees in lieu of Notice means Fees in full at the rate applicable for the next Term following Withdrawal and not limited to the parental contribution in the case of a scholarship, exhibition, bursary or other award or concession. The requirement to pay one Term's Fees in lieu of Notice is necessary to promote stability and the Foundation's ability to plan its staffing and other resources.
- 9.6 **Cancellation:** means the cancellation of a place at the Foundation which has been accepted by the Parents and which occurs before the Pupil enters the Foundation or where the Pupil does not enter the Foundation. Please see clause 3.1 for details of when Entry to the Foundation occurs.
- 9.7 **Cancellation rights:** If the offer of a place and its acceptance are both made entirely at distance by means of post, or electronic communication without either Parent meeting face to face with a member of the Foundation staff during the contractual process, the Parents may cancel this agreement at any time within 14 days of the date of the acceptance form. In such circumstances the Acceptance Fee and the Refundable Deposit will be refunded together with any Fees paid pro-rated if the Foundation has provided any educational services under this agreement.
- 9.8 **Cancelling acceptance:** The Cancellation of the place after acceptance can cause long-term loss to the Foundation if it occurs after other families have taken their decisions about schooling for their children. The Foundation agrees to limit the liability of the Parents to one Term's Fees at the rate payable for the Term of Entry (not limited to the parental contribution in the case of a scholarship, exhibition, bursary or other award or concession) payable as a debt immediately if less than a Term's Written Notice of Cancellation has been given. The Foundation reserves the right to offset the Refundable Deposit against the Term's Fees. One Term's Fees will not be payable if more than a Term's Written Notice of Cancellation has been given. The Acceptance Fee will be retained in accordance with clause 3.3. Cases of serious illness or genuine hardship may receive special consideration on written request.

- 9.9 **Cancelling a place offered in the Term before Entry:** If the offer of a place is made in the Term immediately prior to the Term of Entry, the Parents may cancel their acceptance in writing at any time up to four weeks from the date of the acceptance form. If clause 9.7 applies, the four week period shall start when the 14 day cancellation period expires. The Acceptance Fee will then be retained by the Foundation. If the Parents give Notice of Cancellation after this date or give no Notice of Cancellation they will incur a liability to pay one Term's Fees at the rate payable for the Term of Entry payable as a debt. The Foundation reserves the right to offset the Refundable Deposit against the Term's Fees.
- 9.10 **Withdrawal:** means the withdrawal of the Pupil from the Foundation by the Parents or the Pupil with or without Notice required under these terms and conditions at any time after the Pupil has entered the Foundation. Please see clause 3.1 for details of when Entry to the Foundation occurs. See also clause 4.6, clause 9.11 and clause 9.12.
- 9.11 **Withdrawal by the Parents:** If the Pupil is withdrawn on less than a Term's Written Notice, or excluded for more than 28 days for non-payment of Fees as set out in clause 4.6, Fees in lieu of Notice will be due and payable as a debt immediately. The Foundation reserves the right to offset the Refundable Deposit against the Term's Fees.
- 9.12 **Withdrawal by the Pupil:** The Pupil's decision to withdraw from the Foundation shall, for these purposes, be treated as a Withdrawal by the Parents.
- 9.13 **Prior consultation:** It is expected that the Parents, or duly authorised education guardian, will consult personally with the Principal or with the Principal's authorised deputy before Notice of Withdrawal is given by the Parents.
- 9.14 **Transfer between boarding and day status:** Before providing the Notice required under clause 9.3.3, the Parents must obtain the express permission of the Principal in writing if the Parents or the Pupil wishes to change from boarding to day status or vice versa, or between categories of boarding (e.g. full boarding to weekly boarding). At the discretion of the Principal, the Foundation has the right to postpone or refuse a transfer request and the Principal will consider the best interests of the Pupil and the Foundation in reaching the decision. Any such place is subject to the availability of places.
- 9.15 **Discontinuing extra tuition:** A Term's Written Notice is required to discontinue extra tuition or a Term's Fees for the extra tuition will be immediately payable in lieu as a debt.
- 9.16 **Termination by the Foundation:** The Foundation may terminate this agreement on one Term's notice in writing sent by ordinary post. The Foundation will not terminate this agreement without good cause and full consultation with the Parents and also the Pupil (if of sufficient maturity and understanding). The Refundable Deposit will be refunded without interest, less any outstanding balance of Fees. The Foundation may terminate this agreement immediately where the Pupil does not have the appropriate immigration permission to live in the United Kingdom and to study at the Foundation.
- 10 **Events beyond the control of the parties**
- 10.1 **Force majeure:** An event beyond the reasonable control of the Foundation or the Parents is a **Force Majeure Event** and shall include such events as an act of God, fire, flood, storm, war, riot, civil unrest, act of terrorism, strikes, industrial disputes, outbreak of epidemic or pandemic of disease, failure of utility service or transportation.



- 10.2 **Notification:** If either the Foundation or the Parents is prevented from or delayed in carrying out its contractual obligations by a Force Majeure Event, that party shall immediately notify the other in writing and shall be excused from performing those obligations while the Force Majeure Event continues.
- 10.3 **Continued force majeure:** If a Force Majeure Event continues for a period greater than 90 days, the party who has provided notification under clause 10.2 shall notify the other of the steps to be taken to ensure performance of its contractual obligations.
- 10.4 **Termination:** If the Force Majeure Event continues for a total period greater than 120 days, the party in receipt of notification under clause 10.2 may terminate this contract by providing at least three working days' notice in writing to the other party.

## 11 General contractual matters

- 11.1 **Data protection:** The Foundation has a Parent Privacy Notice and Pupil Privacy Notices which explain how the Foundation will use the Parents' and the Pupil's personal data. These privacy notices are provided with the letter of offer. The privacy notices are also published on the Foundation's website. The Parents must read these privacy notices in full before signing the acceptance form. If the Pupil is going to enter Year 7 or above the Parents must show the Pupil a copy of the pupil privacy notice and discuss it with him/her before accepting the offer of a place.
- 11.2 **Change:** The Foundation, as any other school, is likely to undergo a number of changes during the period of this agreement. For example, there may be changes in the staff, and in the premises, facilities and their use, in the curriculum and the size and composition of classes, and in the Foundation rules and procedures, the disciplinary framework, and the length of School Terms. In addition, there may be the need to undertake a corporate reorganisation exercise and / or a merger or change of ownership may be necessary. For these reasons, the benefit and burden of this agreement may be freely assigned to another party at the discretion of the Foundation.
- 11.3 **Consumer rights:** Care has been taken to use plain language and to give clear explanations in these terms and conditions. If any words alone or in combination infringe consumer rights laws or any other provision of law, they shall be treated as severable and shall be replaced with words which give as near the original meaning as may be fair. Nothing in these terms and conditions affects the Parents' statutory rights.
- 11.4 **Consultation:** It is not practicable to consult with the Parents and the Pupil over every change that may take place. Whenever practicable, the Foundation will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Parents will be consulted and provided with reasons for the change and where possible given at least a Term's notice in writing of:
- 11.4.1 a change of ethos or culture; or
  - 11.4.2 a change in any physical aspect of the Foundation which would have a significant effect on the Pupil's education or pastoral care; or
  - 11.4.3 a change of ownership of the Foundation.
- 11.5 **Information for parents:** We provide parents of prospective pupils with information about the Foundation and the educational services We provide in good faith. This information may be contained in the Foundation's prospectus / website / promotional literature or in

statements made by staff or pupils during a visit or an open day. If the Parents wish to take account of the information provided to them when deciding whether to enter into this agreement they should seek specific confirmation from the Principal that the information is accurate before returning a completed acceptance form to the Foundation.

- 11.6 **Third party rights:** Only the Foundation and the Parents are parties to this contract. Neither the Pupil nor any third party is a party to this contract and shall not have any rights to enforce any term of it.
- 11.7 **Interpretation:** These terms and conditions supersede any previously in force and will be construed as a whole. Headings, unless required to make sense of the immediate context, are for ease of reading only and are not otherwise part of these terms and conditions.
- 11.8 **Jurisdiction:** This contract was made at the Foundation and it, together with each matter relating to the provision of educational services by the Foundation, is governed exclusively by the law of England and Wales and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.

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**Schedule 1 Summary of clauses containing financial consequences**

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