

Home-School Learning Contract

The Rye Academy Trust holds ultimate responsibility for all decisions regarding the running of the individual Academies. In accordance with this responsibility, where appropriate, Rye College may refer matters covered by this policy to the Rye Academy Trust for advice or decision.

Policy for	All staff, students, parents/carers, governors
Overall responsibility	Principal
Date of next review: May 2015	Monitoring, evaluation & revision Internally each year by the Principal. Before revising a Home-School Agreement, all parents/carers of registered students should be consulted.
This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the following policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equalities • Admissions • Student Behaviour

1. Aim

A Home-School Agreement is a statutory document explaining the values, expectations, and responsibilities of those involved in the school community. Rye College believes in maximising the potential and achievement and exciting the minds of each and every child in our school. To do so, there need to be clear boundaries of responsibilities, which are outlined in this document and the Home-School Learning Contract, a copy of which will be sent to every new student entering Rye College.

2. Our Expectations of One Another

We recognise that everyone is of equal worth and has a valuable contribution to make to the life of Rye College.

We work collaboratively, sharing good ideas and best practice.

We seek ways to remain positive, enthusiastic and optimistic about our work and to promote all that we do well within our local community.

We recognise staff and students as individual learners whom we shall support to develop high levels of skill and understanding and to keep abreast of leading edge practice.

3. Respect

At Rye College we respect each other, each other's property, our environment, and our right to learn in a safe and happy environment.

Examples of how these values are realised include the following points which are underpinned in our Home-School Learning Contract.

Respect one another by

- Being sensitive to other's race, culture, religion and opinions, and valuing difference and diversity;
- Resolving differences by talking things through calmly and with thought;
- Working as team members and co-operating with one another;
- Respecting one another's space, work, and belongings.

Respect learning by

- Being on time for lessons;
- Being prepared for lessons;
- Trying our hardest in lessons;
- Respecting everyone's right to make good progress in every lesson;
- Being a part of the team, not disrupting the team.

Respect our environment by

- Ensuring our campus is free of vandalism;
- Making sure our campus is free of litter;
- Eating meals and snacks in the canteen and designated areas only.

Respecting our own and other's safety by

- Ensuring that we behave sensibly and responsibly at all times;
- Taking fire and hazard evacuation procedures seriously;
- Reporting any potential hazards to College reception;
- Not wearing jewellery other than a watch and stud earrings.

Respecting our reputation within the local community by

- Being a good ambassador for Rye College;
- Being courteous to visitors at all times;
- Being respectful in our dealing with members of the public;
- Behaving responsibly within our local community;
- Being positive about our work and have a pride in belonging;
- Dressing smartly at all times, following the dress code.

4. Expectations of Students

Conduct

- Students should be properly equipped and organised, ready to learn each day.
- Students will speak to all members of staff and the whole College community with respect and good manners. Rudeness towards anyone is unacceptable and will receive a sanction.
- Students should comply with requests made to them by members of staff whether in College or outside.
- Students should behave in a way that ensures their own safety and that of others at all times.
- Any form of bullying is totally unacceptable and when discovered will be punished.
- Students can expect to be thanked for their positive behaviour and praised for high achievement.

- Various sanctions are used against poor behaviour, including detention and, in serious cases, permanent exclusion. The sanctions chart is contained within the Student Behaviour Policy.
- Anyone bringing dangerous or illegal items into College, who steals, who exhibits verbal or physical abusive behaviour, who behaves dangerously or who damages our College environment will be placed in the Focus Room or excluded from College following a meeting with parents/carers. Dangerous and threatening behaviour, persistent disruption in lessons, or setting off the fire alarm can result in permanent exclusion.

Uniform

To wear the correct Rye College uniform correctly and to look smart, both in College and to and from it. Should a parent/carer have a concern with the College uniform on religious grounds, they will be invited to meet with the Principal to discuss how this can best be addressed.



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This contract is an undertaking by staff, parents/carers, and students, detailing how we will work together and support each other in the very important task of providing the best possible standards of education and care for all our students. It is intended to foster a real sense of partnership, based on clear expectations. It will help ensure effective working relationships and open communication. The support of parents and carers is crucial in creating a strong partnership in which all students can achieve their potential.

All staff at Rye College agree to:

- Use all available teaching strategies and provide effective teaching to enable students to acquire new knowledge and make progress according to their ability, so that they increase their understanding and develop their skills in the subjects taught.
- Promote a positive attitude to learning.
- Ensure that all students follow a broad and balanced curriculum, appropriate to their interests and needs.
- Set, mark and monitor classwork and homework and advise parents/carers of our expectations.
- Monitor progress and set realistic and challenging targets implementing interventions when necessary.
- Make suitable provision for students with particular requirements or who have an Education Healthcare Plan.
- Report on each individual student's progress through written reports, progress checks and parent-teacher consultation evenings. We will actively praise students for their achievements.
- Contact parents/carers if we have concerns about a student, for example his/her welfare, attendance, punctuality, behaviour, organisation, appearance, standard of work or progress.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure each student's safety and happiness, by providing a happy and caring environment for learning, and one that complies with our health and safety policy.
- Keep all members of Rye College informed about College activities, developments and opportunities, through letters home and a termly newsletter.
- Maintain and promote high standards of behaviour, and motivation through use of rewards and sanctions. All members of Rye College are encouraged to accept responsibility for their behaviour, show initiative and understand how they can contribute to community life.
- Create an environment in which all members of Rye College appreciate and respect their own and others' cultures.
- Give appropriate careers guidance, and prepare students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.
- Ensure parents/carers are able to meet an appropriate member of staff when needing to discuss concerns.
- Deal with issues in a professional, fair and consistent way.

- Give parents/carers you opportunities to become involved in and support the work of Rye College.

Principal's Signature.....

Date.....

Parental declaration

As a parent/carer of a student of Rye College, I agree to:

- Send my child to College at all times they are timetabled to attend and on time, unless they are sick. I will not take my child on holiday during term time.
- Explain all absences, by informing the College before 10.00am on the first day of absence, and by providing a note on their return.
- Send my child to Rye College properly equipped, and wearing correct uniform.
- Let Rye College know of any concerns or problems about my child's work, behaviour, health or wellbeing, at an early stage, before it becomes an issue.
- Reply to Rye College communications promptly.
- Support Rye College's ethos, policies and guidelines, including rewards and sanctions in relation to behaviour.
- Help my child with their homework by showing an interest in the work and providing a suitable, quiet place to work at home.
- Check and sign my child's planner at the end of each week.
- Make every effort to attend parents' consultation evenings to discuss my child's progress and other events that are staged throughout the year.

Signed:

(Parent/Carer)

Date:

Student Declaration

As a student of Rye College, I agree to:

- Take responsibility for: my actions; my safety and the safety of all others in and around the Rye College site; my work; my learning; my organisation; and my progress. I will participate in College life to the very best of my abilities.
- Attend College at all times I am expected to attend and on time.
- Bring all the equipment I need each day.
- Wear correct uniform, smartly.
- Complete all my classwork and homework to the best of my ability.
- Keep my planner up to date and complete my homework to the best of my ability.
- Ask for help when I need it.
- Contribute to a safe and respectful learning environment by behaving courteously at all times.
- Be polite and helpful to staff, visitors and other students.
- Respect the Rye College buildings and equipment.
- Take all letters home.
- Attend any detention I have been given.
- Help make Rye College a safe, happy, tidy and pleasant place to be.
- Accept responsibility for my behaviour, show initiative and understand how I can contribute to College life.

Signed:

(Student)

Date:

Please sign and return with your Admission Form by....