

## Home School Agreement 2012/2013

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# Ipsley C E RSA Academy

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**Ipsley C E RSA Academy is an inclusive school  
where we work together so that all aim high  
and achieve their very best.  
Discovery and innovation are at the heart of all that we do.**

**The core purpose of the school is to ensure that all students can be the best that they can be.**

**To achieve this we will:**

Develop to the full the skills, capabilities, talents and intellectual potential of all members of the school community.

Ensure that all members of the school community have an appreciation of the spiritual dimension in their lives and that they value our plural, multi-cultural and multi-faith society.

Ensure that all members of the school community develop a set of personal values based on honesty and trust, tolerance, understanding, caring and respect for others.

Ensure that all members of the school community develop interpersonal skills, flexibility of attitude, enterprise and self-sufficiency to enable them to relate successfully to their peers, adults and the wider community.

Ensure that all members of the school community are prepared for the future stages of their lives.

Ensure that all parents and friends of the school feel they have a role to play in the achievement of our aims and can influence and contribute to the development of the school.

	Parent	Student
Signed		

### **What your son/daughter needs you to do**

- Agree with our aim that every student needs to be the best that they can be.
- Ensure that he/she attends school by **8.35am** daily. Lessons must start promptly at **8.40am** and late arrivals disrupt learning. This is unacceptable. Students who arrive after **8.40am** receive a same day detention at the end of day.
- Only let him/her have time off school if there is really no alternative – students should have no more than three or four days absence a year – an attendance rate of 95%. **Holidays are not authorised during term time.** A one week annual holiday and several days illness will result in attendance at less than 90% very quickly. This has a serious impact on learning.
- Look smart, think smart. Check that he/she is wearing school uniform correctly, every day. Looking smart for school is about having high expectations and self-respect.
- Ask daily if they have all that they need for school – PE kit, stationery, homework etc. and have a routine at home that ensures homework is completed at a set time and in a quiet place.
- Explain the high expectations that we have and support our Behaviour Policy.
- Attend all the Parents' Evenings and routinely look at his/her work at home – is it good enough?
- Support us in providing up to date contact details as home circumstances change.

### **What we need your son/daughter to do**

- Have high expectations of themselves and agree that they need to be the best that they can be.
- Attend school by **8.35am** for every day of the year.
- Come to school ready to learn – have the right attitude; have the right equipment; have the right uniform.
- Be prepared to work in their own time to practice and develop their skills and understanding.
- Network abuse/internet safety: All students will need to accept the conditions of use for the school network – this includes appropriate use of the internet.
- Parents should be aware of their son/daughter's use of social networking sites and be aware of personal details that are open for others to access.
- Any incidents occurring at school as a result of online activity will be dealt with at school. The school will not, however, spend time resolving fallouts that have occurred on either email or social networking sites.
- All students are expected to treat their access to the school computer network and internet resources with respect. These resources are supplied to students to aid their learning and any use of these resources to access either inappropriate material or waste time in lessons will result in the student having restricted access to these resources.

### **What to bring to school and what not to bring – the detailed bits**

#### **Uniform**

This must be worn fully every day. Please see our website photos for guidance. We will ask your son/daughter to go home and return dressed in their uniform when it is not worn. If this is not possible, students will spend the day working in isolation.

- The **Blazer** is expected to be worn to school at all times.
- A **White Shirt** must be worn with the top button done up.
- The **Clip-on Tie** must be worn at all times.
- Students may wear a **plain black, Arrow Vale cardigan or long sleeved v-neck jumper** under the **Blazer**.
- **Skirts and Trousers** must be formal school style, black, and skirts must be **knee length. No skin tight fitting trousers or skirts are to be worn.**
- There is a clear expectation that **black shoes** will be worn at all times.
- For **PE, trainers** will be worn; not pumps or plimsolls.
- We do not expect to see baseball caps or hooded tops at all. These are a fashion accessory and have no place in a place of work.
- **Jewellery** should be kept to a minimum. This means a **single chain** tucked out of sight, only **one set of stud earrings, no body or facial piercings** and a **single ring**. All jewellery must be removable for PE lessons.
- **Make-up** should be kept to a minimum, as appropriate for a place of work.
- A **large school bag** is required, capable of holding A4 files, A4 exercise books, PE kit and personal property. Drawstring bags are only acceptable for PE kit and do not replace the need for a large school bag. **Handbags are not allowed at all.**
- **Equipment:** All students should come to school ready to learn. They need pens, pencils and crayons, an eraser and a sharpener, a dictionary, a calculator and their Learning Journal.
- **Mobile phones and any electronic device are not allowed.** They are a distraction from learning. The school will not take responsibility for their loss. If parents require their son or daughter to bring them to school, they must be switched off at the bottom of their bag (and handed in for exams) if seen they will be confiscated and the parent will be required to collect them.

The school will confiscate **any item that is inappropriate or a danger to others**. The item will then be returned to parents at a subsequent meeting with a member of the student support team.

If a student persistently fails to co-operate with the high expectations that we have, they will be excluded from school. We will want to re-visit this agreement with you and your son/daughter as part of the re-admission process.

The Principal reserves the right to rule on what is appropriate to wear to school within the above guidelines. The Principal's decision is final.

**We believe that the small things matter.**

**In order to be successful at school, students need to demonstrate the right behaviour for learning.**

**We require them to be committed to working to be their very best.**

**If in doubt, please contact the school for information before you purchase any items.**

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### **School Photograph Disclaimer**

We occasionally take photographs or video our students at work. These are used in the school and for our own publications, i.e. the annual brochure to Year Five parents and our website. We also appear in the local press from time to time. If you do not wish the school to use photographs of your son or daughter in our publicity material, please inform us in writing. We will routinely check our records before using any material.