HOME SCHOOL CONTRACT

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Stopsley High School Contract

Welcome to Stopsley High School. We believe that with students, parents and staff working closely together, every student will gain the maximum benefit from being here and reach their true potential. This contract is the foundation of this vital partnership.

Students are ambassadors for our school even when off school premises and we expect them to act accordingly.

Classwork

Teachers:

- explain work clearly
- plan and deliver effective lessons
- provide students with regular feedback
- set targets which meet the students' individual learning needs so that they can exceed their academic potential
- recognise and reward effort and attainment

Students:

- work to the best of their ability at all times
- use a range of independent learning strategies where they find the work difficult and seek help if required
- work towards targets set by subject staff

Parents:

- check the timetable for the forthcoming day and check their child is prepared,(i.e PE kit, cooking ingredients)
- ask their child to bring work home and talk to them about what they are doing every day
- are expected to support the school if requests for external specialist help or advice are considered essential to the progress and welfare of their child

Homework

School

- will provide a copy of the homework timetable and it is available via the school website for parents.
- students are also issued with their own timetable.

Teachers:

- set homework according to the homework timetable
- mark homework frequently and provide feedback

Students:

- check and complete all tasks set on Satchel One
- set aside a regular time for homework each weekday evening
- seek help from staff prior to the deadline date if unsure of what to do
- complete homework to the best of their ability
- ensure that they hand in all their homework on time

Parents:

- support the completion of homework by regularly checking your child's Satchel One
- make sure that a regular time and quiet place is set aside at home for homework

Equal Opportunities and Responsibilities

The School:

- is committed to ensuring every member of the school community is regarded as being of equal worth and importance irrespective of gender, culture, ethnicity, learning ability, sensory or physical impairment, social class or sexual orientation
- treats any case of bullying, including bullying which may take place on social media, very seriously and deals with it promptly and effectively

Students:

- treat people and their property with the respect they wish to receive themselves
- use all forms of social media responsibly, both in and outside of school: this includes not using language, images or comments that are offensive
- tell a member of staff immediately if they experience or witness bullying of any sort, including on-line or on any form of social media

Parents:

- support the equal treatment of all; this includes any action deemed necessary if the Equal Opportunities Policy is broken
- inform the school if they have concerns regarding the possible bullying of their child

Behaviour - Rewards/Sanctions

Teachers:

- make sure that the school provides a well ordered atmosphere in which all students are able to learn
- follow and apply the Positive Behaviour Policy

Students:

- behave according to the Positive Behaviour Policy both in and around school and in the local community or in any public place whilst in uniform
- completely reject fighting as a way of solving disputes - instead they walk away from any incidents of conflict and talk to a member of staff
- speak politely and respectfully at all times - to peers, staff, visitors and members of the public
- do not engage in any behaviours likely to harm the education or welfare of themselves or others, including online

The School:

- recognises good behaviour and rewards students according to the Positive Behaviour Policy
- reserves the right to detain students, without notice, for up to 20 minutes at the end of the day to discuss any outstanding issues or concerns
- notifies parents of longer detentions giving at least a day’s notice

Parents:

- support the school in upholding the Positive Behaviour Policy, including the setting of rewards and sanctions

Equipment and Banned Items

The School:

- provides books and other resources
- completes regular spot checks to ensure banned items are not brought into school

Students:

- are given a list of essential equipment for school in the Transition Booklet and student Contact Book
- are responsible for coming to school each day correctly equipped
- do not bring banned items to school such as, mobile phones and internet accessible devices or watches . Plus implements that could constitute a threat, eg. weapons, knives, bb guns, sharp objects including metal combs, illegal, dangerous or offensive items (Please see banned items in this contract for detailed list)
- adhere to and follow the school Mobile Phone Policy
- do not bring headphones or earphones to school as they are not allowed to be used
- do not bring chewing gum or carbonated drinks to school

Parents:

- make sure that their child is properly equipped for school daily
- understand that the school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal possessions brought onto the site
- support any sanctions that may be imposed on those who bring in banned items (including mobile phones rules whilst in the school building)

Uniform

Teachers:

- check uniform daily and implement sanctions if uniform is worn incorrectly

Students

- follow the **Uniform Policy**: this includes wearing uniform correctly on the journey to and from school

Parents:

- make sure that their child has the correct uniform
- support the school in ensuring that their child follows the Uniform Policy each day

The Environment

The School:

- is a non-smoking site - this includes the use of electronic cigarettes and vapes
- provides a stimulating learning environment
- ensures graffiti is removed and all litter is placed in bins to maintain a litter free environment

Students:

- move around the school in a sensible and considerate way following the Corridor

Code

- do not smoke on the premises, including when in uniform on the journey to and from school
- remain within the boundaries indicated on the school map
- ensure at all times that Stopsley High School is kept litter, chewing gum and graffiti free
- follow the Student Code regarding eating and drinking on the school premises

Parents:

- support any sanctions that may be imposed on those who drop litter, chew chewing gum, graffiti or cause damage to school property
- ensure that any damage to school property is paid for

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Stopsley High School Banned Items Contract

Banned Items including mobile phone policy

There is a total ban on the use of mobile phones in school. Phones can be brought into school but must remain switched off and in the school bag whilst on the school grounds. Other banned items include headphones, earphones and internet accessible devices such as watches. Possession of laser pens or implements that could constitute a threat, e.g. weapons, knives, bb guns, sharp objects including metal combs, illegal, dangerous or offensive items are also banned. The ban also includes e-cigarettes/vapes, chewing gum and carbonated drinks. This ban extends to extra-curricular activities, school trips and other out of hours events.

The reasons for banning these items are:

- Students may be tempted to use them in lessons and this distracts them from their learning and the learning of others
- Individual students may use their phone as a way to arrange for young people to come to school at the end of the day to 'sort out' problems. Such arrangements can lead to intimidation and, in the worst cases, to assaults on both students or staff. For this reason it is unacceptable to have people who are not members of the school community hanging around the gates at the end of the day.
- Police have informed us that possession of mobile phones and other electronic gadgets by young people is a major source of street crime in under 18s. Students carrying mobile phones are a target for intimidation outside of school.
- These items can also be a target for theft inside school, which can lead to unnecessary conflict between students.
- This can take up a considerable amount of school time and detracts from student learning. If a student needs to urgently contact home then we can arrange for this to happen. To ensure the smooth running of the school the decision to contact home needs to remain with staff and not students during the school day.

To ensure students comply with this we continue to remind them through assemblies, Form Time and carrying out spot checks.

If a student is found to be in possession of a banned item in school or the school vicinity, it will be confiscated for a period of time and it will be returned to the parents and student at a meeting with the relevant Year Team. At this meeting, a contract will be agreed and signed by all parties. Should the student bring in a banned item again, more serious sanctions will be imposed.

Weapons in School

It is also important to emphasise to all parents the school's approach to weapons brought onto the school site, whether they are used or not. This includes BB guns, knives, sharp objects including metal combs and dangerous items that could constitute a threat. There is 'zero tolerance' of weapons at Stopsley High School and possession is likely to lead to permanent exclusion from the school and the involvement of the police. Stopsley High School's guiding principles are based on respect and care for everyone in our community. We aim to ensure that these principles are strictly adhered to and that the school remains a safe and secure place of learning.

Parental and Student Support

We ask that parents agree to support this policy by signing a copy of this contract which will then be kept on the student's file.