

**What these terms cover.** These are the terms and conditions on which the Trust provides the Services (as defined below).

**Why you should read them.** Please read these terms carefully before you accept our offer of a place at the School for your child. These terms and conditions tell you who we are and how and on what basis we will provide the Services. If there is anything in these terms that is unclear or you would like to have further explained to you, please contact the Fees Administrator ([fees@prepschoolstrust.org](mailto:fees@prepschoolstrust.org)) to discuss.

**1. Definitions**

**1.1 Meanings of some words and phrases we use in these terms and conditions.** In these terms and conditions:

**"Acceptance Form"** means the form provided by the School for parents to complete when accepting a place for their child at the School;

**"Board and Lodging"** means, for boarders, the School's provision of accommodation for your child and any meals served as part of our boarding provision excluding any meals which are charged for separately as a Specified Charge;

**"child"** means a child of whatever age admitted by the School;

**"Complaints Procedure"** means the School's procedure for handling complaints from parents, as amended from time to time. It is not intended to form part of the contract between you and the Trust. It does not form part of the contract between you and the Trust. A copy of the most up-to-date procedure is available from the School at any time upon request;

**"contract"** has the meaning given in [Clause 1.3](#) below;

**"deposit"** means the amount set out and referred to as the deposit in the Acceptance Form (and that is separately set out in the School's Schedule of Fees);

**"Early Years Entitlement Supplemental Terms and Conditions"** means the terms and conditions of the supplemental agreement between parents and the Trust which relate to the free early years entitlement;

**"Education Services"** means the School's provision of classes and lessons for your child;

**"Fees"** means the School Fees plus any and all Specified Charges, being the total amount payable by you to the Trust for the Services each term;

**"Specified Charges"** means the charges for each Service excluding Education Services and for Board and Lodging as set out in the Schedule of Fees;

**"fees in lieu of notice"** means a term's School Fees calculated in accordance with (as applicable) Clause 3.3 or Clause 5.1. Where applicable, fees in lieu of notice will be reduced to take account of any bursary awarded to you;

**"Schedule of Fees"** means the list setting out the price for each of the Services, a copy of which is available on the School's website and from the School at any time on request;

**"FIA Agreement"** means the supplemental terms and conditions relating to the Trust's fees in advance scheme

**"Services"** means all the services to be provided by the School on the terms and subject to the conditions of this contract, including Education Services and Board and Lodging (which are covered by the School Fees) and any other services (which are covered by a Specified Charge);

**"Head"** means the person appointed by the trustees of the Trust to be responsible for (or to share in the responsibility for) the day-to-day running of the School, including anyone to whom such duties have been delegated;

**‘Code of Conduct’** means the body code of conduct & school values and policies of the School which set out our expectations concerning the conduct and behaviour of our pupils [and parents], as may be amended from time to time. A copy of the documents comprising the School Rules is available on the School’s website and from the School at any time on request;

**“School Fees”** means the termly fees for the provision of Education Services and for Board and Lodging as set out in the Schedule of Fees;

**"term"** means a term of the School as notified to parents from time to time;

**"a term's notice"** means **written** notice addressed to and actually received by the Head personally and given not later than the first day of the term *before* the term to which the notice relates. For example, a term’s notice is required to withdraw your child from the School. So, if you wish to withdraw your child with effect from the start of the summer term, you need to tell us in writing about the withdrawal by the first day of the spring term immediately before;

**"terms and conditions"** means these terms and conditions as may be amended from time to time;

**“Third Party Agreement”** means the terms and conditions of a Trust approved third party scheme which relate to payment of fees monthly in advance. Further details of the approved scheme is available from the Trust’s Fees Administrator;

**"we"** or the **“Trust”** means the legal entity identified in Clause 1.2) below;

**"School"** means the educational institution governed and administered by the Trust and referred to in the Acceptance Form as West Hill Park School; and

**"you"** or the **"parents"** means each person who has signed the Acceptance Form as a holder of parental responsibility for the child;

In these terms and conditions we sometimes provide illustrative examples by using the words **"for example"**, **"includes"** or **"including"** which are not exclusive or limiting examples of the matter in question;

1.2 **Who we are.** We are Prep Schools Trust Limited a charitable company registered in England and Wales. Our company registration number is 961616 and our registered office is at 7 Cothill, Abingdon, Oxon, England OX13 6JN. Our registered charity number is 309639. Our VAT registration number is GB480732291

1.3 **Our contract with you.** The **Acceptance Form**, the letter of offer, the **Schedule of Fees** and these **terms and conditions** (as in each case may be varied from time to time) form the terms of the **contract** between you and the Trust. It is not intended that the terms of this contract will be enforceable by your child or by any other third party.

## **2. Acceptance and Deposit**

2.1 **How you accept our offer of a place.** An offer of a place for your child at the School is accepted by your submitting the completed Acceptance Form and paying the deposit.

2.2 **The non-refundable status of the deposit.** **The deposit is not refundable.** The limited exception to this is set out in Clause 3.2 below.

2.3 **How we use the deposit.** The deposit will form part of the general funds of the Trust. The deposit will be applied (without interest) as payment towards the final balance due to the Trust on your child’s leaving (unless otherwise stated in these terms and conditions); and any amount remaining will be refunded to you.

2.4 **Circumstances where the deposit will not be returned to you.** You authorise us, and we will be entitled to, retain, deduct from or otherwise apply the deposit (as applicable), if:

2.2.1 you fail to pay the Trust’s final invoice;

2.2.2 you owe the Trust fees in lieu of notice (whether in accordance with Clause 3.1 or Clause 5.1);

2.2.3 your child does not take up their place at the School, in accordance with Clause 3;

2.2.4 your child is excluded or required to be removed from the School, in accordance with Clause 7.4.2; and/or

2.2.5 the Trust terminates the Parent Contract, in accordance with Clause 14.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - it deals with what you need to do if you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place **before** your child joins the School and what happens if you withdraw at that stage.

### **3. Withdrawing your Acceptance of a Place before your child joins the School**

- 3.1 Notice to withdraw your acceptance of a place before your child joins the School. If you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place BEFORE your child starts at the School you must either give us a term's notice to that effect or pay to Trust fees in lieu of notice. For example, to withdraw your acceptance of a place starting in September you would either need to tell us on or before the first day of the preceding summer term or pay fees in lieu of notice. The only exception to this is if we make an offer of a place in the term immediately before your child is due to join the School, in which case you must either give us notice within fourteen (14) days of the date you accept our offer (in accordance with Clause 2.1) or pay fees in lieu of notice.
- 3.2 If we receive notice. If you provide notice in accordance with Clause 3.1 no fees in lieu of notice will be payable but as you have not taken up your child's place at the School you will forfeit the deposit. The only exception to this is where you have provided notice in accordance with Clause 3.1 above and the School actually fills the specific place created by your child's withdrawal, in which case the Trust will refund the deposit to you less its costs in administering your dealings with the Trust or a reasonable estimate of those costs. You should be aware that in the event of a late withdrawal it is very unlikely that the School would be able to fill the vacancy created by your child's withdrawal.
- 3.3 If we do not receive notice. **If you do not provide us with notice in accordance with Clause 3.1 (or if no notice is provided at all) fees in lieu will be payable by you and will become due and owing to the Trust upon demand as a debt.** The fees in lieu of notice will be charged at the rate applicable for the term when your child was due to start. The Trust will apply the deposit you have paid (without any entitlement to repayment under Clause 3.2 above) as payment of the fees in lieu you owe us.

### **4. School Fees, Supplemental Charges and Payment**

- 4.1 School Fees. Unless set out in the Schedule of Fees or notified to you at any time, the School Fees cover the provision of Education Services and, if applicable, Boarding and Lodging.
- 4.2 Specified Charges. The Specified Charges are payable in respect of each Service excluding Education Services and Board and Lodging. [Some Specified Charges are optional, and others are not optional]. Please see the Schedule of Fees for further information. Any and all Services which are optional are supplied independently from each of the other Services. Board and Lodging is supplied independently from the Education Services.
- 4.3 VAT and applicable taxes.
- 4.3.1 Except as expressly stated otherwise in the Schedule of Fees, all of the Fees are exclusive of VAT and any other taxes, which will be added (where applicable).
- 4.3.2 You may be required to reimburse the School for any costs or expenses we incur on your or on your child's behalf. If this happens, you must also reimburse the Trust for any VAT applicable on such costs or expenses, unless we are entitled to a credit or repayment from HMRC in respect of that VAT.
- 4.3.3 If the Trust at any time assess (or HMRC at any time determines that any of the Services supplied by the Trust under this contract are subject to VAT, and the Trust has not already charged you VAT on the applicable Fees for those Services, the Trust will promptly notify you and confirm the amount of VAT payable in respect of the relevant Fees and you will pay an amount equal to that VAT within fourteen (14) days of the Trust notifying you.
- 4.4 Who is responsible for payment. **Each of you is responsible for ensuring that all of the fees are paid to the Trust. This is because our contract applies to both of you together and each of you on your own.** In practice this means that if any of the Fees have not been paid then the Trust can, in its discretion, choose to seek payment of the amount outstanding from either or both of you. The only exceptions to this are set out in Clause 4.5 immediately below. Court orders (for example, where parents are separated or divorced) and other arrangements between parents or third parties relating to fees do not normally bind or apply to the Trust, and do not extinguish either of your responsibility for the Fees due under this contract.

4.5 How can one parent remove him/herself from their payment responsibility and circumstances where the Trust may agree to accept payment from a person who has not signed the Acceptance Form and is not a party to this contract. A parent may be removed from their payment responsibilities under this contract but that parent **must** have obtained the prior written consent of **both** the Trust **and** the other parent who has signed the Acceptance Form before submitting such notice. Separately, the Trust may agree in writing with each of you to accept payment from a third party (for example, a grandparent or employer), but this will not discharge your payment responsibility under this contract, unless we agree otherwise in writing.

4.6 How discounts are treated.

4.6.1 How bursary awards are treated. A bursary (means-tested form of financial assistance) may be withdrawn in accordance with the terms upon which such award is made and/or if, in the opinion of the Head, your child's attendance, progress and / or behaviour (and / or your behaviour or conduct (or the behaviour or conduct of one of you, including in relation to an application for the award) no longer merit the continuation of the award.

4.6.2 How childcare vouchers are treated. The Trust may in their absolute discretion accept childcare vouchers in full or partial settlement of qualifying fees provided that you meet the difference between the fees following the eligible childcare deduction and the total fees and supplemental charges due in respect of your child under this contract. Please contact the Fees Administrator for further information including what amounts to qualifying fees.

4.6.3 How United Kingdom forces discounts are treated. Where you are eligible to receive a discount on fees, the discount will be applied as follows to the fees due under this contract:

25% discount where you are a serving member of the United Kingdom forces in receipt of a boarding continuity of education allowance;

If you have been awarded a discount on fees, your responsibility will be to pay for the amount of fees due after taking account of that discount. For further information on eligibility for these discounts please contact the Fees Administrator.

4.7 How the fees are charged and payment requirements. The School Fees are charged on a termly basis, regardless of the length of any term and regardless of your child's year group. **Each term's School Fees fall due for payment by you on or before the first day of that term.** Each term's School Fees will be included in an invoice sent to you (or such other person(s) the Trust may have agreed separately shall pay the Fees under Clause 4.5 above). **We may not allow your child to attend the School if you do not pay the School Fees on time.**

4.8 Payment of Specified Charges. All Specified Charges for each term (and for other unpaid Specified Charges that were agreed during the previous term) will be included in the Trust's invoice for the School Fees. All such Specified Charges must be paid in full by or on the first day of the next term.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY - it sets out what rights we have, and what action we may take, if the Fees are not paid in accordance with these terms and conditions.**

4.9. Consequences of non-payment or late payment. If you do not make any payment to the Trust by the due date for payment we may:

4.9.1 refuse to allow your child to attend the School, withhold any references, and/or withdraw sponsorship of your child's Student or Student Visa (if applicable) while the School Fees remain unpaid or if there is a repeated or persistent failure by you to pay the School Fees on time. This applies in addition to our right to terminate this contract under Clause 14;

4.9.2 refuse to allow your child to participate in or receive the relevant Service while the applicable Specified Charge remains unpaid;

4.9.3 charge interest on the overdue amount at the rate of 2 per cent a month above the base rate from time to time of the Trust's bank. This interest will accrue on a daily basis from the due date until the date of actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after we obtain a court judgement against you;

- 4.9.4 charge you the costs we incur in recovering, or attempting to recover, any unpaid amount from you (including reasonable legal costs); and/or
- 4.9.5 inform any other school or educational establishment to which you propose to send your child of any non-payment or late-payment.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY - it sets out our right to increase School Fees during the course of your child's time at their School.**

- 4.10 *Our ability to increase the fees.* We will review the School Fees (usually annually) and may increase them. Notice of an increase in the School Fees will be sent to you before the end of the penultimate term before the increase is to take effect. For example, if the School Fees are to increase at the start of the autumn term, we will notify you before the end of the preceding spring term. This will allow you time to consider the increase and, if you wish to withdraw your child from the School before the proposed increase is due to take effect, then you will have sufficient time to provide the required term's notice of withdrawal to the Head under Clause 3.1 or Clause 5.1.
- 4.11 *Our ability to increase the Specified Charges.* We will review the Specified Charges and may increase them. Where practicable, we will try to give you notice of any material increases to the Specified Charges prior to the end of the penultimate term before the increase is to take effect. If you wish to withdraw your child from School before the proposed increase is set to take effect, then you will have sufficient time to provide the required term's notice of withdrawal to the School under Clause 3.1 or Clause 5.1 above.
- 4.12 *Fees will not be reduced due to your child's absence or the School's closure.* Fees will not be reduced or refunded as a result of absence due to illness or otherwise, or as a result of your child being required to study from home because we are providing Education Services remotely for whatever reason. If a term is shorter than others (or shortened), no reduction of Fees will be made in respect of any periods spent at home.
- 4.13 *Information on your identity and the source of funds.* From time to time we may ask you to provide us with sufficient information so that we can properly and accurately verify to our satisfaction:
- (i) your identity;
  - (ii) your child's identity;
  - (iii) that you are not subject to, or within the purview of, any national or international financial, economic, trade, travel or other similar sanctions imposed by any competent authority;
  - (iv) your child's right to enter, live and study in the United Kingdom;
  - (v) the legitimate source of funds you are using to pay the Fees; and
  - (vi) information provided to us as part of, or in connection with, an application for (or our grant of) a bursary award.
- You must provide to the Trust the information and documentation that is asked for.
- 4.14 *Allocation of payments to your Fees account.* The Trust is entitled to allocate payments from you to your account as it sees fit. For example, the Trust is entitled to allocate a payment made in respect of one child to the unpaid account of any other child of yours attending a Trust school.
- 4.15 *How fees are discharged under our 'Fees in Advance' scheme, and your continued responsibility to pay any outstanding or additional amounts still owed to the Trust.* Where you and the Trust have entered into an agreement incorporating the FIA Terms and Conditions (ie, where you have prepaid all or part of the School Fees due under this contract) you will still need to meet the difference (if any) between the amount per term prepaid under the FIA Terms and Conditions and to total Fees and other amounts due in respect of your child each term under this contract. The Trust will provide a termly statement of account in respect of the School Fees. Specified Charges and other amounts due, and the difference will be payable in accordance with the terms of this contract.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY - it sets out what period of notice we require from you if you wish to withdraw your child from the School or remove, change the nature of your child's place at the School, or remove your child from participating in or receiving a Service for which there is a Specified Charge.**

## 5. **Notice Requirements**

- 5.1 **Notice to withdraw your child from the School.** If you wish to withdraw your child from the School (other than the normal leaving date which is the end of Year 8), you must either give the Head a clear term's written notice to that effect or pay to the Trust a term's fees in lieu of notice. Those fees in lieu of notice will be charged at the rate for the term that would have been the final term of your child's education, had you given a term's notice (and not the rate for the term when you gave notice). For example, if you wish to withdraw your child with effect from the start of the autumn term then you would either need to tell us in writing on or before the first day of the preceding summer term or pay fees in lieu of notice (at the applicable rate for the autumn term). The Trust will apply the deposit you have paid (without any entitlement to repayment under Clause 3.2 above) as payment of any fees in lieu of notice.
- 5.2 **When the relevant amount of fees in lieu of notice must be paid.** In cases under Clause 5.1 above, the appropriate amount of fees in lieu of notice will become payable by you upon demand as a debt.
- 5.3 **Notice to withdraw your child from participating in or receiving a Service covered by a Specified Charge which is optional.** If you wish to withdraw your child from participating in or receiving a Service which is covered by a Specified Charge and which is optional, you must either give a term's notice to that effect or pay to the Trust as a debt a term's Specified Charges for the relevant Service in which your child has ceased to participate or receive.
- 5.4 **Withdrawal part-way through a term does not reduce the amount you owe to the Trust.** It is not possible for you to reduce the amount of Fees due, or to obtain a refund of Fees, by withdrawing your child or by your child ceasing to participate in or receive a Service part-way through a term.

## 6. **Code of Behaviour**

- 6.1 **Compliance with the Code of Behaviour.** It is a condition of remaining at the School that you and your child comply with the Code of Behaviour. In addition, you must ensure that your child attends School in accordance with our Attendance Policy, attends punctually and that your child conforms to any rules of appearance, dress and behaviour as we may issue..
- 6.2 **We may undertake drugs and alcohol testing of your child.** The School may undertake drugs and alcohol testing of pupils in accordance with any drugs and alcohol policy in force from time to time. The drugs and alcohol policy has been adopted with the aim of safeguarding the health and safety of all pupils.
- (c) **Monitoring your child's email and messaging communications, internet and Wi-Fi use, and use of social media.** **The School may, subject to applicable data protection legislation, monitor your child's email communication, internet and Wi-Fi use, and use of social media.** The School may do this for various reasons, including ensuring compliance with the Code of Behaviour or where it is appropriate or necessary for the School to do so in connection with the School's legal and/or other duties and responsibilities or other legitimate purposes or good practice requirements.

## 7. **Suspension, Exclusion and Required Removal**

- 7.1 **The Head's discretion to suspend or exclude your child from the School.** The Head may in their discretion suspend or, in serious or persistent cases, exclude your child from the School if the Head considers that your child's conduct or behaviour (including behaviour or conduct outside school or online) is unsatisfactory and/or the suspension or exclusion is in the School's best interests and/or those of your child or other children.
- 7.2 **Where you can find examples of offences punishable by suspension or expulsion.** The Code of Behaviour sets out examples of offences likely to be punishable by suspension or expulsion. These examples are not exhaustive and the Head may decide that suspension or expulsion for a lesser offence is justified where there has been previous misbehaviour. All aspects of your child's record at the School may be taken into account.
- 7.3 **The Head's discretion to require you to remove your child from the School.** Instead of expulsion or suspension, the Head may in their discretion require you to remove your child from the School if the Head considers that:
- 7.3.1 your behaviour or conduct (or the behaviour or conduct of one of you): is unreasonable; and/or adversely affects (or is likely to adversely affect) your child's or other children's progress at the School, or the wellbeing of School staff; and/or causes a breakdown of trust and confidence; and/or brings (or is likely to bring) the School into disrepute (among the School community or the general public); and/or
- 7.3.2 your child's attendance and/or progress at the School is unsatisfactory and/or in the reasonable opinion of the Head, the removal is in the School's best interests and/or those of your child and/or other children; and/or

7.3.3 The School is unable to meet your child's needs, including cases where the School cannot reasonably accommodate adjustments or reasonably provide the nature or level of support required by your child.

7.4 What happens if your child is suspended, excluded or removed from the School. Should the Head exercise their right under either Clause 7.1 or Clause 7.3 above:

7.4.1 you will not be entitled to any refund or remission of Fees due (whether paid or payable) in or relating to the term in which your child is excluded, suspended or removed;

7.4.2 in respect of exclusions and required removal under Clause 7.3.1, the deposit will be forfeited and retained by the Trust; and

7.4.3 In respect of exclusions and required removals, fees in lieu of notice will not be payable and any Fees that have been prepaid for or relating to any term after the term in which the exclusion/required removal occurred will be refunded.

7.5 Impact of exclusion or required removal on this contract. This contract will terminate with immediate effect if your

child is excluded or if you are required to remove your child from the School and the School will stop providing the services.

7.6 Your right to have disciplinary matters or decisions reviewed. You are entitled to have disciplinary matters or decisions taken by the School and/or Head to exclude or require the removal of your child under Clause 7 reviewed. Any such review shall be governed by the final stage of the Complaints Procedure.

## 8. The School's Obligations

8.1 The period of your child's schooling. Subject to these terms and conditions, the Trust will provide the Services (except any optional Services that you have chosen not to receive) and accept your child as a pupil from the time of joining the School until the end of his or her preparatory schooling, which is at the end of Year 8.

8.2 The scope of our duty to exercise reasonable skill and care. We will exercise reasonable skill and care in the provision of the Services. This obligation will apply during school hours and at other times when your child is permitted to be on School premises or is participating in activities organised by the School. **We cannot accept any responsibility for your child while off the School premises unless he or she is taking part in a School activity or otherwise under the direct supervision of a member of School staff.**

8.3 Consent to participation in trips and visits, in contact sports and similar activities. Unless you notify the School to the contrary, you consent to your child participating, under supervision, in contact sports and in other sports and activities which may entail some risk of physical injury. You also consent to your child participating in trips and visits organised in the normal course of your child's schooling.

8.4 What happens if your child needs urgent medical attention. If your child requires urgent medical attention while under the School's care, the School will:

8.4.1 take action (for example, by contacting the emergency services);

8.4.2 try to contact you and, if we cannot contact you, try to contact any other named emergency contact or 'responsible adult';

8.4.3 share relevant information that we hold about your child with any emergency services or treating medical professional (for example, by notifying them about any allergies which your child has); and

8.4.4 where necessary, deal with decisions about your child's medical treatment in accordance with the advice of the treating medical professional.

8.5 We will give you notice of significant changes. The School website and prospectus describe the broad principles on which the School is presently run. However, from time to time it may be necessary to make changes to any aspects of the School, including the curriculum or the manner of providing education for your child, or the length of the school day or term, or the manner of providing education for your child. Where practicable, we will give you notice of any planned changes that we regard as significant to your child's education prior to the end of the penultimate term before the change is to take effect. If you wish to withdraw your child from the School before

the proposed change is set to take effect, then you will have sufficient time to provide the required term's notice of withdrawal to the School under Clause 3.1 or Clause 5.1 above.

- 8.6 *Your child's progress and needs at the School.* We require you to notify the Head when completing the Registration Form and subsequently in writing if you are aware or suspect that your child (or anyone in his or her immediate family) has a learning difficulty. You must provide the School with copies of all written reports and other relevant information. You will be asked to withdraw your child,, without being charged Fees in lieu of Notice if, in the professional judgment of the Head and after consultation with you, the School is unable to provide adequately for your child's special educational needs. The School reserves the right to charge for the provision of additional teaching.

We will monitor your child's progress at the School and produce regular written reports. We will advise you if we have any serious concerns about your child's progress **but we do not undertake to diagnose dyslexia, ADHD, or other conditions.** A formal assessment in relation to any potential special educational needs or medical conditions may be required to help enable the School to understand the nature and extent of your child's needs and what support it may be appropriate for the School to consider. Such assessments can be arranged either by you or by the School, or be jointly appointed and, depending on the circumstances, at your expense. Given that a purpose of such assessments is to help enable the School to understand what support may be appropriate for the School to consider, the School will be able to nominate (in consultation with you) the expert or specialist who will carry out the assessment, put specific questions to them, input into the scope of their assessment and receive a copy of their assessment (with your consent) and seek clarifications in relation to it. We expect you to engage with the School in a cooperative and transparent manner and provide assistance in relation to matters concerning your child's progress and needs including in relation to obtaining such formal assessments. Please note that any additional support required in connection with your child's special educational needs may carry a Specified Charge.

- 8.7 *Religious observance and relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education.* Religious observance, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education at the School will be conducted in accordance with the School's policies.

## 9. **The Parents' Obligations**

- 9.1 *We require your cooperation.* In order to fulfil our obligations under this contract and to maintain a constructive relationship with you, we, the School, the Head and School staff, need your cooperation.

- 9.2 *Examples of the cooperation and assistance we require.* You must cooperate with us, the School and School staff in good faith, including by:

- 9.2.1 maintaining a constructive relationship with us and School staff, acting reasonably, and ensuring the tone, content, volume and/or nature of your communications with us and the School are reasonable and appropriate. You must refrain from any discriminatory, bullying or harassing conduct or behaviour towards staff including where this has the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a staff member or creates an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive working environment for them (for example, conduct or behaviours which constitutes sexual harassment);
- 9.2.2 complying with the Parent Code of Conduct and any policies relating to expectations concerning parental behaviour and conduct that may be in place from time to time;
- 9.2.3 encouraging your child in his or her studies, giving appropriate support at home, and ensuring your child attends school in accordance with our Attendance Policy.
- 9.2.4 keeping us and the School up-to-date and informed of matters which affect or may affect your child (including circumstances which arise at any time that affect or may affect your ability to pay the School Fees and Specified Charges for your child, as well as any changes to their immigration status);
- 9.2.5 ensuring that all details or other information notified or otherwise disclosed to us and the School about you and/or your child are accurate, truthful and not misleading and that relevant details and information, or changes to any of them, are not withheld and are shared in a timely and transparent manner;
- 9.2.6 engage with the School in a cooperative and transparent manner and providing assistance to the School so that your child can participate in, and benefit from, the School's provision of the Services: and
- 9.2.7 attending meetings and keeping in touch with the School where your child's interests so require.



9.3 ***You must notify the School of any health/ medical conditions or special educational needs. It is a condition of your child joining and remaining at the School that if required you complete and submit a medical questionnaire in respect of your child.*** You must inform the School of any health or medical condition, special educational need(s), disability or allergies that your child has at the time of joining the School or which subsequently changes or develops after joining the School, whether underlying, long-term, or short-term, including any infections or injuries. You must also provide the School, whether upon further request or otherwise, any reports (whether in existence or to be commissioned), other materials or information relevant to any of the same and cooperate with the School in relation to the same. ***If you withhold from the School or otherwise misrepresent to the School information of this nature in particular, please be aware that this may result in us exercising our right to end this contract under Clause 14.1.2 below.***

***Should undisclosed medical, social or academic conditions emerge after admission into the School which become beyond the reasonable adjustments the School is able to make, this may result in us exercising our right to end this contract under Clause 14.1.2 below.***

9.4 ***Circumstances where the School may require you to keep your child away from school.*** The School reserves the right to require your child to remain away from School in the following circumstance:

9.4.1 due to a health or safety risk (including a virus, pandemic, epidemic or any other health or safety risk, including circumstances where the School reasonably concludes that your child does or may pose a risk of harm to themselves or others). The School may provide Education Services to your child remotely during such period on an interim basis and to the extent this is reasonable or proportionate. For the avoidance of doubt, the School is not a remote-educational provider and long-term arrangements in respect of remote provision are unlikely to be considered reasonable or proportionate; and/or

9.4.2 where a potential ground for required removal or exclusion is being investigated by the School and this relates to the conduct of your child or engages their (or another child's) safety or well-being. In such circumstances, the requirement to keep your child away from School would be a neutral act during the investigation procedure. (Alternatively, your child may be placed under a special regime if they remain on School premises); and / or

9.4.3 in accordance with Clause 4.9.1.

9.5 ***You must notify the School of any special arrangements needed for your child.*** You must inform the School of any situations where special arrangements may be needed for your child, including for their education or welfare, and to provide on reasonable request from the School such further information as may be reasonably required by the School to understand the basis for and scope of such arrangements.

9.6 ***You must notify the School of any court orders that relate to, or that may impact upon, the provision of education to your child.*** You must inform the School if, at any time prior to or during your child's time at the School, a court order is put in place or an undertaking is given to a court in respect of (or relating to) your child's attendance at the School and/or the School's provision of education to your child. In any such circumstances you must promptly provide the School with relevant information, including copies of the relevant court order(s) or undertaking(s), having obtained permission of the court if necessary.

9.7 ***We require you to nominate a 'responsible adult' for us to contact in your absence.*** Where we notify you that this is a requirement (for example for parents who live overseas), You must complete and submit to the School a parental absence form for your child. This form will nominate a 'responsible adult' (or 'educational guardian') for your child who, amongst other things, can be contacted if the School is not able to contact you and who can look after your child in your absence. If your child's visa is sponsored by the School as a *Child Student* this is a requirement of their visa. If at any time during your child's time at the School you (or either of you) will not be in the United Kingdom at any time or will otherwise be absent from your main residential address for a period of longer than three (3) consecutive school days then you must also inform the School immediately in writing and provide the details required by the School as a result, including the name and contact details of a 'responsible adult' for the period of your absence.

9.8 ***Receiving information from you and sharing information with you.*** The School is entitled to assume that you have consulted with each other so far as significant decisions regarding your child are concerned. Accordingly, except under Clause 9.9 below, or otherwise according to the circumstances, you (and each of you) accept that the School is entitled to treat:

9.8.1. any instruction, authority, request or prohibition received from one of you as having been given on behalf of both of you; and

9.8.2 any communication from us or the School to one of you as having been given to both of you.

Please note that a person who has parental responsibility for your child is entitled to receive certain core information from the School about your child's progress and attainment. The School will therefore disclose such information as a matter of routine to each such person unless the School is restricted from doing so by a court order (or similar direction) or by any other legal requirement or obligation (for example, under data protection law).

**PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY - it sets out who needs to sign a notice of withdrawal of your child.**

9.9 We are entitled to require that notices of withdrawal must be signed by both parents. A notice of withdrawal of your child served under this contract (ie, under any of **Clauses 3.1, 4.6, 4.10, 5.1 or 5.2**) must be in writing and signed by each of you as the holders of parental responsibility for your child (and the School is entitled not to accept such notice unless and until all holders of parental responsibility have signed such notice).

9.10 You must notify the School of your child's absence from School. The School must be informed as soon as possible in writing of any reason for your child's absence from School. You can do this by contacting [reception@westhillparkpst.org](mailto:reception@westhillparkpst.org) Wherever possible the School's prior consent should be sought for absence from the School.

9.11 Raising concerns with the School and making formal complaints. If you have cause for concern about your child's safety, care, discipline or progress you must inform the School as soon as possible. Complaints should be made in accordance with the Complaints Procedure.

## **10. Insurance**

Your responsibility to make your own insurance arrangements. You must make your own insurance arrangements if you require cover for your child or their property while at School or for the payment of fees due to absence of your child or closure of the School premises. Your child is included in an obligatory personal accident insurance scheme, the charge for which is included in the Fees.

## **11. How we may use Personal Information: References, Confidentiality and Data Protection**

11.1 References for your child. The School may supply information and a reference in respect of your child to any educational institution which you propose your child may attend. Any reference supplied by the School (or received by the School) will be confidential. The School will take care to ensure that all information that is supplied by the School relating to your child is accurate and any opinion given about him/her is fair. However, the School cannot be responsible for any loss you are or your child is alleged to have suffered resulting from opinions reasonably given, or correct statement of fact contained, in any reference or report given by the School.

11.2 You are required to update the School of changes to information held, or circumstances relating to, you and/or your child. You must:

11.2.1 confirm (or update, if necessary), when requested, such information (and/or documentation) about you and/or your child that is held by the School; and

11.2.2 inform the School of any change to your or your child's circumstances (including, where applicable, in connection with your child's entitlement to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom), or to information about you or your child that has previously been notified to the School, including relevant contact details.

11.3 Data Protection Law. The School will process personal data about you and your child in accordance with data protection law, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018 (each as amended or superseded) and other related legislation. We will process such personal data:

11.3.1 as set out in this **Clause 11**, and in the School's 'Privacy Notice', which is available on the School's website, as may be amended from time to time;

11.3.2 to comply with any court order, request from or referral to an appropriate authority, or legal, regulatory or good practice requirement;

11.3.3 to perform our obligations under this contract, and where otherwise reasonably necessary for the School's purposes; and

11.3.4 to comply with the our responsibilities as a licensed Child Student Sponsor for immigration purposes. For example, by providing information relating to your child's right to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom to the Home Office (and to do whether your child is a sponsored child or not). Such information may include information about your child's immigration status, attendance records, and any changes in your or your child's circumstances (including where your child is excluded, required to be removed, or this contract is terminated). Occasionally, information regarding your immigration status in the UK may also be required.

## 12. **Intellectual Property Rights**

Recognising these rights. We will recognise any intellectual property rights created, generated or owned by or vested in your child.

## 13. **Changes in Ownership, etc**

The circumstances in which we may transfer this contract to someone else. We may transfer our rights and obligations under this contract to another person or organisation. We will tell you in writing if this happens and we will ensure that the transfer will not affect your rights under this contract.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY .** *It sets out the rights we have, and that you have, to terminate this contract early (that is, before the normal leaving date for the end of your child's schooling which is at the end of Year 8.*

## 14. **Ending this Contract**

14.1 Our rights to end the contract. In addition to where this contract is terminated automatically as a result of an exclusion or required removal under Clause 7, the Trust may end this contract at any time by notice in writing to you, without any obligation to return Fees to you and with the deposit being forfeited and retained, if;

14.1.1. you do not make a payment to us when it is due and you still do not make payment within fourteen (14) days of us reminding you that such payment is due;

14.1.2 you (or either of you) make a serious misrepresentation of facts or circumstances to us, or you (or either of you) withhold important information from us, about you and/or your child or that is relevant to the provision of the Services by the School to your child (such as misrepresenting at any point in time that you and/or your child is legally entitled to enter and study in the United Kingdom when in fact your child is not or any information about your child's health, medical conditions,, special educational needs, disability or allergies);

14.1.3 you fail or refuse to provide us at any time with information we require under Clause 4.13; or we are not satisfied with the information you have provided (if any). instead of ending this contact, we may otherwise refuse to allow your child to attend school until the relevant satisfactory information has been provided;

14.1.4 your child no longer holds an immigration status which confers a right to enter and study in the UK;

14.1.5 you (or either of you):

- (a) are unable, following our request, to demonstrate that you will be able to pay the Fees due under this contract;
- (b) repeatedly or persistently fail to pay the Fees when they fall due for payment;
- (c) are otherwise unable to pay your debts as they fall due; or
- (d) are the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; or you enter into an individual voluntary arrangement; or

14.1.6 you otherwise do not comply with (i.e. you breach) your obligations under this contract (including under Clause 9) such that we have a legal right to end the contract because of something you have done wrong

or, in the Head's reasonable discretion, the School is not able to provide, or is compromised in providing, the Services it needs to in satisfaction of its obligations under this contract.

- 14.2 *Your rights to end the contract.* In addition to where you withdraw your child, you may end this contract at any time by notice in writing to the School if:
- 14.2.1 you have a legal right to end the contract because of something we have done wrong; or
- 14.2.2 the Trust becomes insolvent or goes into liquidation or receivership or administrative receivership or is wound-up for any reason.
- 14.3 *When this contract will end if not terminated early.* For the avoidance of doubt and without you or us having to provide notice, this contract will end at the end of your child's schooling at the end of Year 8.
- 14.4 *Ending the contract will not affect any accrued rights.* Once this contract ends, it will not affect any legal rights or obligations that either you or we have that may already have arisen, for example your obligation to pay any outstanding Fees. After this contract ends, you and we will keep any rights each has under, or as a matter of, general law.
- 15. Events outside of our, or your, control**
- 15.1 *What we mean by an "event outside of our/your control".* In this Clause 15 "**event**" means any event beyond either your or our reasonable control including acts of God, war, riot, civil commotion, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation guidance or direction (including that of a local authority), accident, fire, flood, storm, pandemic or epidemic of any disease or terrorist attack,
- 15.2 *What happens if we are affected by an event outside of our control.* If an event arises which prevents or delays our performance of any of our obligations under this contract, we shall give you notice in writing. Provided that we have acted reasonably and prudently to prevent and/or minimise the effect of the event (including by providing Education Services remotely, if appropriate), we will not be responsible for performing those obligations which are prevented or delayed by the event.
- 15.3 *Events lasting more than 6 months.* If we are wholly and completely prevented from performing all of our obligations as a result of an event (and we are unable to provide Education Services remotely) for a continuous period of more than six (6) months, we will notify you of the steps we plan to take to ensure performance of the contract after such period and you will then, following receipt of such notice, be entitled to end this contract on written notice to the School and without giving a term's notice or paying fees in lieu of notice.
- 15.4 *What happens if your child is affected by an event outside of your control.* Subject to Clause 4.12 (which means that you are not entitled to a refund or reduction in Fees in cases of illness or absence), if your child is wholly and completely unable to receive any of the Education Services (including remotely) due to reasons caused by an event you must give the School notice in writing and the following provisions shall apply:
- 15.4.1 in consultation and cooperation with the School you must do everything you reasonably can to minimise the impact of the event in order to continue to perform your obligations under this contract in any way that is reasonably practicable in the circumstances; and resume the performance of the obligations as soon as reasonably possible;
- 15.4.2 in circumstances where, following the efforts made and steps taken under sub-clause 15.4.1 above, your child is not able to participate and benefit from any level of provision of Education Services by the School (whether at School or remotely) then you will not be responsible for failing to perform your obligations (including the obligation to pay Fees, pro-rated accordingly) during the continuance of the event; and
- 15.4.3 if the event continues to prevent your child wholly and completely from attending the School or being able to receive any of the Education Services (whether at the School or remotely) for more than six (6) months, you or the School will be entitled to terminate the contract on notice and without you being required to give a term's notice or to pay a term's School Fees in lieu of notice.
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**16. Communications between you, the Trust and the School**

16.1 We will use the contact details held by the School to contact you. Communications (including notices) will be sent by us and the School to you at the address(es) shown in our records, or using your other contact details included in our records. **You must notify the School of any change of address(es) or other contact details.**

16.2 How to provide written notice to the School. Notices that you are required to give under these terms and conditions must be **in writing** addressed to the Head and either:

- (i) sent by email to the School using this email address: caward@westhillparkpst.org
- (ii) delivered by hand or post to the School;

**We recommend that if you provide notice under Clauses 3, 4.6, 4.10, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.5 (which are the provisions dealing with withdrawing your child from the School [or otherwise changing their place] you telephone the School to confirm receipt or you have not received an acknowledgement from the School.**

**17. The Law that applies to this contract and where legal proceedings may be brought**

17.1 The law that applies to this contract. The contract between you and the School is governed by English Law and either you or the School must bring legal proceedings in respect of this contract in the English courts.

17.2 Rights in relation to the enforcement of this contract. If we choose not to enforce any part of this contract, or delay enforcing it, this will not affect our right to enforce the same part later (or on a separate occasion) or the rest of this contract. If we cannot enforce any part of this contract, this will not affect our right to enforce the rest of this contract.

**18. Changes to these Terms and Conditions**

Reserving the right to change these terms and conditions. We reserve the right to change or add to these terms and conditions from time to time for legal, safety or other substantive reasons or in order to assist the proper delivery of education at the School. We will send you notice of any such modifications prior to the end of the penultimate term before the modifications are to take effect. For example, if the updated terms and conditions are to take effect at the start of the autumn term, we will notify you before the end of the preceding spring term.

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