

## **DSHS Home School Agreement**

A strong partnership between school, parents/carers, and students is essential for the success and well-being of every student.

This Home School Agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in the safeguarding, personal development and education of the young people in our school.

### **What Parents/Carers Can Expect from DSHS**

**A Safe and Supportive Environment:** We will create a safe, supportive, positive, productive and happy environment for everyone with respectfulness and kindness at our core. We will always try to be consistent and fair.

**Quality Education:** We will provide a broad, high-quality curriculum that is engaging, challenging, and tailored to meet the needs of each student.

**Communication:** We will maintain open and regular communication with parents/carers to keep you informed about your child's progress, achievements, and any concerns. This includes our newsletters, information made available via the Arbor Parent App but also via emails and phone calls from your child's tutor, teachers and Head of House (and, of course, Parents' Evenings). It also includes us being willing to listen to constructive feedback.

**Access to Resources:** Wherever we can, we will make educational resources, including lists of books, digital tools, and learning materials, available to support your child's learning journey.

**Support and Guidance:** We will offer additional support, such as counselling, special educational needs assistance and careers advice, when needed to help your child thrive.

### **What DSHS Expects from Parents/Carers**

**Support Learning:** Make sure your child attends school with their basic equipment and actively engage in your child's learning by asking about what they have been learning, providing a quiet space for homework and encouraging a positive attitude towards education.

**Punctuality, Attendance and Uniform:** Ensure your child arrives at school on time and attends school in the correct uniform. Make us aware of reasons for absence as soon as possible and take all possible steps to minimise student absence.

**Communication:** Keep us informed about any concerns or changes that may affect your child's education, and attend parents' evenings and other events. Read the newsletters we send out so you are aware of what is happening in school, particularly any changes to routines or policies.

Communicate with us in a calm and civilised manner at all times and understand that the most appropriate person to help you might not be available straight away. Raise concerns through appropriate channels and do not make defamatory comments about the school or any member of the school community on social media or other online forums. If you need to make contact with your child during the day please do it through reception; please don't normalise/condone the use of mobile phones during the school day.

**Promote Respect:** Encourage your child to respect the school's policies, teachers, staff, and fellow students, and support our efforts to maintain a safe and respectful school environment. This does,

of course, include accepting that your child may be in the wrong (and/or may not be aware of all of the context or facts relating to an issue) and an appropriate sanction may be deserved and necessary to act as a deterrent to him/her and to others.

### Student's pledge

I pledge that I will:

- Be Ready. This means that I will:
  - Be on time to school and to lessons;
  - Only absent from school when there is a very good reason;
  - Wear the full uniform correctly;
  - Have the correct equipment (including kit and ingredients);
  - Be keen and ready to learn – be alert / concentrate / be on task / be willing to participate and to try;
  - Meet deadlines and complete homework tasks;
  - Take responsibility for my own actions.
- Be Kind. This means that I will:
  - Support others and the wider community;
  - Not be unkind (say/do unpleasant things that are likely to upset or worry others).
- Be Respectful. This means that I will:
  - Keep myself and others safe;
  - Remember to respect others at all times;
  - Follow reasonable instructions;
  - Look after our surroundings (including not dropping litter);
  - Use appropriate language;
  - Listen to others;
  - Be polite, considerate and courteous;
  - Be calm;
  - Be tolerant of difference;
  - Be honest.

### Signatures:

By signing this Home School Agreement, we commit to:

- working together to provide the best possible education and support for your child;
- working in partnership to sustain a positive and productive atmosphere in the town's High School.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/carer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_