



## **HOME – SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School

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## **Introduction**

This Home-School Agreement encapsulates our belief that parent/carer are a child's first and most important educators. It is designed to achieve the highest possible standards of achievement through close communication and effective partnership with parent/carer. It is a statement explaining:

- The school's aims, ethos and values;
- The school's responsibilities towards its students;
- The responsibility of each students' parent/carer, and
- What each school expects of its students.

This document will also hold centrally the schools core values of **respect** and **kindness**. At all times those involved in the life of a child will be expected to demonstrate these two values in all their interactions.

## **Scope**

This Home-School Agreement applies to all students and their parent/carer at Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School. It is available on the school website and is provided to all parent/carer and students.

## **Relationship to other policies**

This Agreement relates most closely to the Behaviour and Attendance Policies. It impacts on our approach to the prospectus and our aims and values. It is also relevant to many other school policies.

## **Ethos of the school**

The ethos of the school is to foster positive relationships between all members of the school community, including all students, parent/carer and staff. The school will act fairly in relation to students and parent/carer and we expect the same of students and parent/carer in relation to the school and its staff.

Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School aims to achieve excellence in all they do so that:

- all students achieve excellent examination results that fully reflect their potential;
- develop skills and attitudes that equip them to gain employment and be successful in their chosen career, and
- develop wider skills and attitudes that equip them for life.

We do this through setting high expectations for students and staff, and working together to achieve and celebrate success.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### SCHOOL

Students at Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School are entitled to:

- a relevant curriculum that builds well on prior learning, provides challenging tasks to meet individual needs and develops student's social, cultural, moral and spiritual development
- be treated fairly and with respect
- be able to learn well in a safe and supportive environment
- have access to a wide range of educational and other opportunities
- have their individual achievements recognised

### STUDENT

Students are expected to adhere to our code of conduct:

- Arrive on time and in the correct uniform to all lessons.
- Be properly equipped for all lessons.
- Listen carefully and follow instructions.
- Be **ambitious**, working to the best of your ability when completing all classwork and homework to the highest standard.
- Be **respectful** towards others and our environment.
- Show **kindness** towards everyone in our community.

All students are expected to conduct themselves to a high standard on their way to and from school. They should move around the school sensibly and safely. We expect students to settle quickly to work when in lessons and we do not tolerate low-level or other disruption.

Students are expected to achieve high levels of attendance. Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School will not authorise periods of absence for holidays. Excellent punctuality at school and associated events is an expectation that we have of all students.

### HOME

We expect that parent/carer/carers will support their children in school through:

- Supporting the aims of the schools;
- Working in partnership with school by attending parent evenings, supporting homework and reinforcing excellent behaviour expectations;
- Supporting the school's code of conduct;
- Supporting school routines by ensuring students attend school regularly and arrive promptly;
- Complying with the school's uniform code and ensuring that students are fully equipped for learning.
- Supporting all the school's policies and procedures.

## COMMUNICATION

Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School will not tolerate any abuse directed towards individual members of staff or the organisation and direct communication with the individual/s concerned will be carefully managed and/or terminated.

We may take action against any student or parent who posts unsuitable content on social media such as Facebook and Twitter which brings the school or members of its staff into disrepute, or which constitutes bullying, harassment, victimisation or discrimination. Action will either be taken internally or in conjunction with the Police against any student or parent in breach of this.

## REPORTING A CONCERN

If a parent wishes to report a concern to the school, then they should follow the escalation process outlined below.

Initially consider what your concern is about. If it is about learning or a particular subject, then please follow the **Academic** path set out below. If the concern is regarding behaviour then follow the **Behaviour** pathway and if the concern is regarding a **Safeguarding** issue then please follow that pathway.

Contact details and names of the relevant staff can be found on the school website

Level	Academic	Behaviour	Safeguarding
1	Subject Teacher	Form Tutor	Form Tutor
2	Head of Faculty	Head of Year	DDSL
3	Deputy Headteacher (Mrs A Thatcher or Mr J Lawes)	Assistant Headteacher (Ms H Weigh-Williams)	Assistant Headteacher (DSL) (Mr C Leigh)