



HOME – SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School

Policy lead:	Chris Leigh
Last review date:	September 2022
Next review date:	September 2023
Approval needed by:	Assistant Head teacher

Monitoring and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed at least annually by senior managers and the full governing body.

Home-school agreement

Introduction

This Home-School Agreement encapsulates our belief that parents 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 parents. It is a statement explaining:

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

Monitoring and evaluation

The Home-School Agreement will be monitored and evaluated every three years, in consultation with parents, students, staff and Local Governors.

Scope

This Home-School Agreement applies to all students and their parents at Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School. It is available on the school website and is provided to all parents 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, parents and staff. The school will act fairly in relation to students and parents and we expect the same of students and parents 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 those wider skills and attitudes that equip them for life more generally.

It does this through setting high expectations for its students and its staff, working together to achieve and celebrate success.

Student entitlement

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 his/her individual achievements recognised

Expectations

Students are expected to adhere to our code of conduct:

- attend lessons on time with the right equipment;
- be smart and wear correct uniform;
- follow routines and instructions;
- complete class and homework to a high standard, and
- respect others and the environment.

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 into 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.

Support from home

We expect that parents/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.
- Supporting the school's regulations around mobile devices.

Unacceptable Conduct

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 and discrimination. Action will either be taken internally or in conjunction with the Police against any student or parent in breach of this.