

## GRACEWOOD ACADEMY HOME-SCHOOL CONTRACT

At Gracewood Academy we believe that a strong relationship between home and school is vital in supporting pupils to thrive during their time with us both academically and as a healthy young person in the widest possible sense. In light of this we use our home school agreement to highlight the expectations we have of each of our roles as a pupil, parent/carer and school. We are proud of our achievements as an Academy over time and know that by working with you closely with all of the things we highlight in the home/school agreement we will go a long way to ensure the continued success of our students.

### **As a STUDENT at Gracewood Academy, I will:**

1. Try my hardest throughout my time at school in everything I do and always have high expectations of myself.
2. Wear my uniform correctly both inside the building and on my way from/to home because I am representing my school and I am proud to do so.
3. Arrive on time at school. I do not want to miss any learning.
4. Organise myself each day so I arrive with my completed home learning and am equipped with all that I need and am ready to learn. This shows my teachers that I care and am doing all I can to make the most of my time at school. I will not make excuses.
5. Be kind and considerate to others as I move around the building and be polite and courteous throughout the day upholding all the expectations in the Code of Conduct for Pupils.
6. Be responsible for my mistakes, tell the truth at all times and learn from where I have gone wrong.
7. Keep my mobile switched off and out of sight, in my bag, while on the Academy's premises. I understand that if my phone is seen or if I am found using it, it will be confiscated to be returned the next day/ to a parent or guardian/ returned at the end of that half term.
8. Only wear a watch or small pair of stud earrings. I will not wear make-up or use nail varnish, gels or acrylics.
9. Demonstrate respect for the local community as I arrive and leave school at the end of the day. The community around my school is important and is where many of our families and friends live; I will use the local area and transport in a respectful manner.
10. Uphold the Academy values every day.

**Student Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **As a PARENT/CARER, I will support the work of the academy by:**

1. Setting up strong routines at home around organisation for the following day at school by having the timetable and home learning schedule on display and checking school uniform and the contents of the school bag.
2. Making sure that my child achieves 98% attendance by arranging appointments in the holidays or in after-school hours. Holidays/visits to relatives including overseas travel are not permitted in term time.
3. Ensuring my child arrives on time and is well rested every day.
4. Taking an interest in progress by attending any meeting set up by school and regularly looking at exercise books and home learning tasks and supporting the improvements suggested by teachers.
5. Supporting the Academy sanction policy including any detentions that may take place at the end of the day.
6. Ensuring reading occurs regularly at home during the week to increase vocabulary development.

7. Support the academy phone policy by ensuring your child does not bring a phone to school unless it is a 'brick phone' and ensure it is turned off and in their bag through the day.

8. Supporting the academy social media policy through ensuring the following:

i) I will limit screen time at home

ii) I will remove electronic devices from the bedroom in the evening long before bedtime

iii) I will follow the academy advice on safeguarding actions I can take as a parent/carer regarding monitoring online activity.

9. Making the Academy aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's behaviour.

10. Supporting my child in complying with the Code of Conduct for Pupils

**Parent Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**As an ACADEMY, we will:**

1. Ensure that every student has the opportunities, support, and guidance to achieve their full potential.

2. Provide an excellent standard of teaching in every subject. Staff will check the work completed on a regular basis and give feedback on areas for improvement.

3. Provide a curriculum that builds academic knowledge and understanding.

4. Provide opportunities for students to experience a wide range of activities to raise their aspirations about higher education, the world of work and wider interests.

5. Set home learning regularly.

6. Communicate regularly about progress, concerns, and successes.

7. Provide a safe and secure environment where students can be happy and successful.

*Ms G Charles*

**Principal**

## **Acceptable Use of IT Agreement**

### **1. Background and scope of Agreement**

- 1.1. The use of the Academy's ICT resources and services is a facility granted to students at the Academy's discretion. This Acceptable Use Policy is designed to ensure appropriate use of devices and the Academy's networks as well as ensuring students can benefit from using the Academy systems.
- 1.2. Use of the Academy network constitutes agreement to comply with this policy.
- 1.3. These rules apply to a student's use of the Academy network, whether using Academy computers or devices or using their own devices as a method to log in. This also applies to accessing the Academy network off site.
- 1.4. Students are given a user account to enable them use of the network and by continuing to use the network, users must abide by the following:

### **2. Student Terms of Use**

- You are responsible for account access on the Academy network. Any unauthorised use of your account should be flagged to the Academy's ICT team immediately.
- Use of the Academy network is regularly monitored by the Academy's ICT team (which includes email access). The Academy will monitor any traffic over the Academy system to prevent threats to the Academy's network.
- You must not use someone else's username to gain access to the Academy network.
- You should not write down or share your password with anyone else.
- You are not permitted to share access details to the Academy's network or Wi-Fi password with anyone else.
- You must not attempt to circumvent security of any host, network or account, or penetrate security measures ("hacking") on or accessed through the Academy network.
- You must not probe, scan or test the vulnerability of the network or other networks.
- You must not try to install any software on Academy systems without permission from the ICT team. If software is installed without permission, it may cause extensive

damage to the ICT systems and users could be held personally liable for any costs incurred in rectifying the damage.

- Any apps or software that are downloaded onto your personal device whilst using the Academy's network is done at your own risk and not with the approval of the Academy.
- You must not use the network or your own property to access or process inappropriate materials. This includes (but is not limited to) pornographic material, material which may be seen as violent, offensive or discriminatory, inappropriate text files or files dangerous to the integrity of the network.
- You must not transmit, re-transmit, publish or store material or messages on or through the Academy network which could be perceived as bullying, threatening, abusive, hateful, indecent, harassing, offensive or defamatory.
- You must report any inappropriate messages or information immediately to the ICT team. This report will help protect other pupils and you.
- You are not permitted to access the Academy network using your own personal device, unless the device has been deemed acceptable to use by the Academy's ICT team.
- You must not record, video or take pictures of other students, staff or third parties whilst using Academy devices without express permission from a senior member of staff.
- Use of own devices is at the risk of the user. The Academy cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or costs incurred due to use, damage or loss whilst accessing the Academy's systems.
- Storage media such as USB sticks and hard drives are prohibited at the Academy.
- Any property owned by students such as mobile phones and iPads may not be used to stream, download or watch videos.
- You may not access the internet except through the Academy network.
- You must be mindful of the information that you post/share/send online and how this may impact others i.e., you should be kind online.

I confirm that I have read, understand and will comply with the terms of this Acceptable Use Policy when accessing the Academy network.

**Name**

**Signed**

**Date**