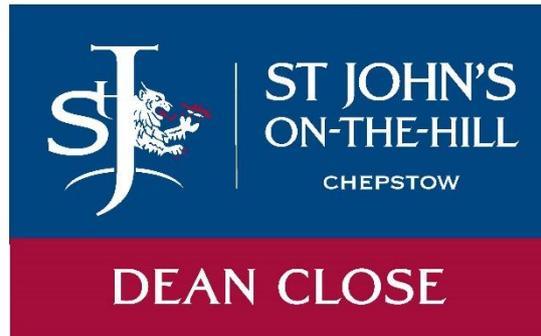


# THE DEAN CLOSE FOUNDATION



## PARENT CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL (POLICY W046)

Colour coding to signify which sections refer to the different schools:

- Dean Close are highlighted in **red**
- St-Johns-on-the-Hill are highlighted in **blue**

# ACCEPTANCE FORM AND STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**for**

**[NAME OF STUDENT]**

**Entering Year [1]**

**[Date and year]**

## INTRODUCTION

1. The Terms and Conditions of the contract between parents and the School ('the Parent Contract') has been authorised by the trustees of The Dean Close Foundation.
2. The Parent Contract are the terms upon which parents are offered a place for their child at Dean Close pre-preparatory, preparatory and senior schools and St-Johns-on-the-Hill school.
3. The Parent Contract will be reviewed periodically by the bursar of Dean Close School (or the Finance and General Purpose Committee) on behalf of the trustees.

## Dean Close Foundation

### Acceptance Form

I/We hereby confirm I/we accept the offer of a place at the School for [*name of child*] with effect from the [beginning of the **Lent Term** 201[.]] and have made a payment for £[*insert figure*] as a deposit.

#### **By signing this Acceptance Form I/we confirm that:**

- (a) I/we have read and understood the Terms and Conditions attached to this Acceptance Form and understand that I/we shall be bound by the Terms and Conditions upon signing this Acceptance Form;
- (b) I/we have received a copy of the current handbook which includes the [**Code of Conduct**] OR [**St John's Way**] and have drawn these to the attention of the above named child and agree that I/we and my/our child shall observe and be bound by them;
- (c) I/we have completed the attached confidential medical information form in relation to my/our child;
- (d) all holders of parental responsibility for the above-named child have signed this Acceptance Form and that no one else holds parental responsibility for him or her;
- (e) I/we, the above-named child's parent(s), co-habit / live separately at the address(es) shown below and I/we agree to notify the School immediately of any change of address or my/our family circumstances;
- (f) I am/we are not (either jointly or individually) in arrears on the payment of any fees or charges owing to my/our child's current (or previous) school or educational establishment;
- (g) unless otherwise notified to the School in writing prior to signing this Acceptance Form:
  - (i) there are no court orders in place in respect of the care or living arrangements of my/our child or the payment of fees for his/her education;
  - (ii) any information or circumstances about or relating to me/us and/or my/our child that has previously been notified to the School (including on the School's registration form or otherwise as part of the School's registration and admissions process) is and remains complete and accurate as at the date when we sign this Acceptance Form; and
  - (iii) my/our child has the right to enter, live and study in the United Kingdom and, if I/we require the School to sponsor my/our child as a condition of his/her entry into the United Kingdom, such requirement has previously been notified to the School on the registration form.

<p><b>Signed by:</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(signature)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(print name)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(date)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(relationship to child)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(address and telephone number)</i></p>	<p><b>Signed by:</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(signature)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(print name)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(date)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(relationship to child)</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>(address and telephone number)</i></p>
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

***Each person with parental responsibility for the child is required to sign this Acceptance Form and the School is entitled to treat any instruction, authority, request or prohibition received from one signatory as having been given on behalf of all signatories and therefore on behalf of all those with parental responsibility for the child. An exception to this is with regard to a notice of withdrawal of the child from the School - such notice must be signed by all those with parental responsibility for the child. (See Clause 10(i) of the Terms and Conditions.)***

## Dean Close Foundation Terms and Conditions

**What these terms cover.** These are the terms and conditions on which we provide educational services.

**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 tell you who we are and how and on what basis the School will provide educational services.

If anything in these terms is unclear or you would like to have further explained to you, then please contact Adrian Bowcher, the bursar, to discuss.

### 1. **Definitions**

(a) *Meanings of some words and phrases we use in these Terms and Conditions.* In these Terms and Conditions some words and phrases have particular meanings and it is helpful to ensure certainty and consistency to have them defined. Such defined terms are set out below and when used in these Terms and Conditions they shall have the meaning given to them here. Please take note of them.

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

"**child**" means a child of whatever age admitted by the School to be educated, and includes any pupil aged 18 or over;

"**Complaints Procedure**" means the School's procedure for handling complaints from parents, as amended from time to time for legal or other substantive reasons, or in order to assist the proper administration of the School. It does not form part of the contract between you and the School. A copy of the most up-to-date procedure is on the School's website and is otherwise available from the School at any time upon request;

"**contract**" has the meaning given in [Clause 1\(c\)](#) below;

"**deposit**" means the amount set out and referred to as the deposit in the Acceptance Form;

"**Extras**" means supplemental charges in addition to school fees [\[as set out in the supplementary charges list\]](#);

"**fees**" means the termly fees set out in the Schedule of Fees on the School web site;

"**Capital Fees Scheme**" means the supplemental terms and conditions relating to the School's fees in advance scheme;

"**Head**" means the person appointed by the trustees of the School from time to time 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;

"**Schedule of Fees**" means the published note of the School's prevailing fees notified to you from time to time and a copy of which remains available on the School's website and from the School at any time upon request;

"**School Rules**" means the rules of the School referred to [\[as the Code of Conduct\]](#) OR [\[as 'St John's Way'\]](#) and which may be amended from time to time for legal, safety or other substantive reasons, or in order to assist the proper administration of the School. A copy of the then current version of the rules is provided to each child on entry and is available on the School's website;

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

"**a term's notice**" means written notice given not later than the first day of the term preceding the term to which the notice relates;

"**Terms and Conditions**" means these Terms and Conditions as may be amended from time to time for legal, safety or other substantive reasons, or in order to assist the proper administration of the School;

"we" or the "School" means the legal entity carrying on as the School as identified in Clause 1(b) below; and

"you" or the "parents" means each person who has signed the Acceptance Form as a person with parental responsibility for the child, or a person who with the School's express written consent replaces a person who has signed the Acceptance Form.

In these Terms and Conditions we sometimes provide illustrative examples to try and provide you with a better understanding and appreciation of what we are referring to. We do this by using the words "for example", "includes" or "including" and, because we do not intend for the examples given to be exhaustive, when we do use these words it means that the examples that are given are not exclusive or limiting examples of the matter in question.

Also in these Terms and Conditions we use headings to introduce the separate provisions. These headings are for ease of understanding only.

(b) *Who we are.* We are The Dean Close Foundation, a company registered in England and Wales. Our company registration number is 04193948 and our registered office is at Shelburne Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 6HE.

(c) *Our contract with you.* The **Acceptance Form**, the **Schedule of Fees**, the **Capital Fees Scheme** (where applicable) and these **terms and conditions** (as in each case may be varied from time to time) form the terms of an agreement (the "contract") between you and the School. It is not intended that the terms of the contract shall be enforceable by your child or by any other third party.

## 2. **Acceptance and Deposit**

(a) *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.

(b) *The non-refundable status of the deposit.* The deposit is not refundable if your child does not take up a place at the School, subject to Clause 2(d).

(c) *How we use the deposit.* The deposit will form part of the general funds of the School and will be refunded to you by means of a credit without interest to the final payment of fees or other sums due to the School on your child leaving.

(d) *When we can withdraw an offer of a place.* The acceptance of your child at the School is at the discretion of the Head and the School reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a place where (i) you have provided false or misleading information to the School as part of the admissions process or subsequently, or (ii) in the reasonable opinion of the Head it is in the best interests of your child or the School. Where your child's offer of a place is withdrawn, any prepaid fees will be refunded to you. The deposit will also be refunded (without interest) except where your child's place has been withdrawn because of false or misleading information you have provided to the School.

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

(a) *The period of notice we require.* If you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place AFTER submitting the Acceptance Form and paying the deposit but BEFORE your child starts at the School you must give us written notice before the first day of the term immediately preceding the term in which your child was due to start. *This means that if, for example, your child is due to start at the School in September at the start of an academic year then you would need to tell us in writing that you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place on or before the first day of the preceding summer term (i.e., the final term of the previous academic year).*

(b) *If we receive that period of notice.* If you provide that period of notice, you will lose the deposit but no further fees will be payable.

(c) *If we do not receive that period of notice.* If you do not provide us with notice before the first day of the term immediately preceding the term in which your child was due to start (or if no notice is provided at all) a term's fees shall be payable by you and shall become due and owing to the School as a debt. The term's fees shall be charged at the rate applicable for the term immediately preceding the term when your child was due to start. The School shall credit the deposit you have paid (without interest) to the payment of the term's fees you will owe us (and you hereby acknowledge and agree that the School shall be entitled to retain the deposit on account of payment of the term's fees). Where applicable, such fees shall be reduced to take account of any scholarship or bursary awarded to you.

#### 4. **School Fees and Extras**

- (a) *What the fees include.* All the costs incurred in the usual course of the education by the School of your child, including the provision of any necessary educational materials shall be met by the fees unless otherwise notified to you by the School at any time (either in the Schedule of Fees or otherwise).
- (b) *What the fees do not include: Extras.* We refer to any items charged to you that are r supplemental to the fees (that is, items that are payable by you to the School in addition to the fees) as Extras. By way of example, any extra-curricular activities (such as private music lessons, trips and visits) in which you agree in advance your child may participate will be supplemental to items met by the fees and charged for accordingly. In addition, all public examination charges shall be charged as Extras. Additional charges incurred by the School in providing for the special educational needs of your child may also be charged as Extras subject always to the School complying with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010. The costs in relation to any insurance that you take through the School will charged as an Extra.

#### 5. **Payment of Fees and Extras**

(a) (i) *Who is responsible for ensuring payment.* Where the Acceptance Form is signed by more than one person, each of you who has signed the Acceptance Form is liable for and must ensure that all of the fees and supplemental charges due are paid to the School. This is because our contract applies to all you together and each of you on your own. Each of you remains personally liable to the School for all of the fees and Extras due UNLESS AND UNTIL the School has expressly agreed in writing with each of you to look exclusively to any other person for payment of the fees and/or any Extras. *Each person who signs the Acceptance Form has an individual responsibility to ensure that, between them, the fees and supplemental charges owing to the School are paid. In practice what this means is that if fees or supplemental charges have not been paid to the School then, in order to recover the outstanding payments, the School can seek payment of the full amount outstanding from either parent.* Where only one person has signed the Acceptance Form, that person will be individually responsible for ensuring that all of the fees and Extras due are paid to the School.

(ii) *How can one person remove him/herself from their payment responsibility:* A person who has signed the Acceptance Form may withdraw from this contract with the School by submitting a full term's notice, before the first day of that term, AND PROVIDED THAT they have obtained the prior written consent of both the School and any other person who has signed the Acceptance Form.

(iii) *How bursary etc awards are treated.* If your child has been awarded a scholarship or bursary, your responsibility will be to pay for the amount of fees due after taking account of that award. An award may be withdrawn in accordance with (or by reference to) 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 no longer merits the continuation of the award. Any such withdrawal of an award will not operate so as to increase the fees due in respect of a term which has already commenced. Where it appears likely to the Head that, for academic reasons, an award may be withdrawn from your child, you shall be notified in advance. If within fourteen (14) days following the withdrawal of a scholarship or bursary your child is withdrawn from the School, no fees in lieu of notice will be payable by you.

(b) *How the fees are charged and payment requirements.* Each term's fees are payable in advance so that the services which the School provides under this contract shall have been paid for prior to the provision of those services. The fees are payable by you either:

- (i) by three instalments per academic year, payable no later than the first day of the term to which the invoice relates; or
- (ii) by twelve equal monthly instalments per academic year starting with a first instalment paid on or before the 7<sup>TH</sup> August and thereafter on or immediately after the 7<sup>TH</sup> day of each month with the final payment on or immediately after the 7<sup>th</sup> of July.

The fees payable will be included in an invoice sent to you (or such other person(s) the School may have agreed separately shall pay the fees under Clause 5(a)(i) above). The fees must be paid by direct bank transfer or, with the prior written approval of the bursar, by direct debit instalment. We may not allow your child to attend the School if you do not pay on time.

(c) We reserve the right to charge you an administration fee of £50 and refuse payment of fees by way of direct debit instalment where a direct debit is refused by your bank. In such circumstances you will then be required to pay fees by direct bank transfer.

(d) *Payment of Extras.* All Extras for each term will be invoiced termly in arrears and included in the following term's invoice. All Extras must be paid in full by the due date shown on the invoice which is the first day of the following term.

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

(e) (i) Non-payment of fees: refusal to attend school! We reserve the right to refuse to allow your child to attend the School or to withhold any references, reports or other documentation while fees remain unpaid or there is a persistent failure by you to pay the fees on time.

(ii) Non-payment of Extras: refusal to participate in the relevant activity. We reserve the right to refuse to allow your child to participate in the relevant extra-curricular activity, or sit any relevant public examination(s), while the applicable Extra for that activity or examination(s) remains unpaid.

(iii) We can charge interest if you pay late. If you do not make full payment to the School by the due date for payment (see Clauses 5 (b) and 5(d) above) we may charge interest to you on the overdue amount at the rate of 2 per cent per month. Unless we tell you otherwise in writing, this interest shall 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 judgment against you. You must pay the School the interest together with the overdue amount in full.

(iv) We can recover our costs for recovering late or non-payments. Unless we expressly agree otherwise in writing with you, you will be responsible for paying the costs we incur in recovering, or attempting to recover, any unpaid fees or Extras from you (including any charges levied by debt recovery agents acting on behalf of the School and any reasonable legal costs and disbursements, and in any event being such costs that would be allowable by the courts if judgment was made in the School's favour).

(v) We can notify other educational institutions of your outstanding payments. You consent to our informing any other school or educational establishment to which you propose to send your child of any outstanding fees and/or Extras.

(vi) When we may charge you an administrative charge. We may charge you an administrative fee of £50 where you have not complied with your payment obligations under Clauses 5(b) and 5(d) above and you have not paid the sums due within 7 days of us seeking payment from you. The administration fee will be included in the following termly invoice.

(f) Our ability to increase the fees. We will review our fees during the course of your child's education (usually annually) and may increase them. Notice of an increase in the fees will be sent to you before the Easter break before the increase is to take effect. 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 set to take effect, then you have sufficient time to provide the required term's notice of withdrawal to the School under Clause 6(a) below.

(g) Fees and Extras will not be reduced due to your child's absence. Fees and any agreed Extras will not normally be reduced or refunded as a result of absence due to illness or otherwise. If your child takes study leave at home before or during public examinations, or stays at home or with their guardian following those examinations, no reduction of fees will be made in respect of such periods spent at home.

(h) How fees are discharged under our Capital Fees Scheme, and your continued responsibility to pay any outstanding or additional amounts still owed to the School! Where you and the School have entered into an agreement incorporating the Capital Fees Scheme (such that you have made a capital payment in respect of all or part of the fees due under this contract) the School will administer such capital sum to meet the fees pursuant to the terms of the Capital Fees Scheme PROVIDED THAT you meet the difference between the amount per term applied by the School under the Capital Fees Scheme and the total fees and Extras due in respect of your child each term under this contract. For the avoidance of doubt, the School shall provide a termly statement of account in respect of the fees and Extras and the difference shall 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 (i) withdraw your child from the School, (ii) change the nature of your child's place at the School, or (iii) remove them from participating in an activity for which there is a supplemental charge.

Due to the termly organisation and allocation of resources we will charge you if you do not provide us with the required period of notice to cover the School's losses. In such circumstances we require you to pay us a sum equivalent to the fees and/or supplemental charges you would have paid had the required period of notice been given - we refer to the relevant sum as "**fees in lieu of notice**".

## 6. **Notice Requirements**

- (a) **Notice to withdraw your child from the School.** If you wish to withdraw your child from the School (other than at the end of your child's schooling [which shall be the end of Year 8] [which shall be at the end of Year 13]), you shall either give a term's notice to that effect or shall pay to the School a term's fees in lieu of notice, at such rate as would have been charged for the final term of provision if a term's notice had been given. Fees in lieu of notice will be payable at the full rate and **without the benefit of any discount or concession awarded to you under a scholarship or bursary.** *This means that if, for example, you wish to withdraw your child with effect from the start of the autumn term (i.e., at the start of an academic year) then you would need to tell us in writing that you wish to withdraw your child on or before the first day of the preceding summer term (i.e., the final term of the preceding academic year).* Once notice has been given the School will acknowledge such notice in writing within 10 working days. If you have not received an acknowledgement from the School to this effect, it is your responsibility to contact the School to ensure that notice has been properly received.
- (b) **Notice to change the nature of your child's place at the School.** If you wish to change your child's place at the School between a boarding, day-boarding or a day place you shall either give a term's notice to that effect or shall pay to the School the difference between the boarding, day-boarding or the day fees in lieu of notice (as appropriate), at such rate as would have been charged for the final term of provision if a term's notice had been given.
- (c) **When the relevant amount in lieu of notice must be paid.** In cases under Clause 6 (a) above, the appropriate sum in lieu of notice will become payable by you to us as a debt by the date shown on the invoice. In cases under Clause 6(b) above, an adjustment will be made to the following termly invoice to reflect the difference between the fees payable following the change to your child's place.
- (d) **Notice to withdraw your child from participating in an activity charged as an Extra.** If you wish to withdraw your child from an activity charged for as an Extra, you shall either give a term's notice to that effect or shall pay to the School as a debt a term's charges for the activity in which your child has ceased to participate.
- (e) **Withdrawal part-way through a term does not reduce the amount you owe to the School.** The School's affairs are organised on a termly basis and it is not possible for you to reduce the amount of fees or Extras due, or to obtain a refund of fees or Extras, by withdrawing your child or by your child's ceasing to participate in an activity part-way through a term.

## 7. **Pupil Conduct**

- (a) **Your child must comply with the School Rules.** It is a condition of remaining at the School that you and your child comply with the School Rules. In addition, you promise to ensure that your child attends School punctually and that your child conforms to any rules of appearance, dress and behaviour as we may issue from time to time (if not already included within the School Rules).
- (b) **We may undertake drugs testing of your child.** The School may undertake drugs testing of pupils in accordance with its drugs policy as set out in the School Rules. The drugs policy has been adopted with the aim of safeguarding the health and safety of all pupils.
- (c) **Monitoring your child's email communications, internet use, and use of social media.** The School may, subject to applicable data protection legislation, monitor your child's email communication, internet use, and use of social media. We may do this for various reasons, including ensuring compliance with the School Rules or where it is appropriate for the School to do so (or indeed necessary) in connection with the School's legal and/or other duties and responsibilities or other legitimate purposes or good practice requirements.

## **8. Temporary and Permanent Exclusion, and Required Removal**

(a) *The Head's discretion to temporarily or permanently exclude your child from the School.* The Head may at his or her discretion temporarily exclude or, in serious or persistent cases, permanently exclude your child from the School if the Head considers that your child's conduct or behaviour (including behaviour or conduct outside school) is unsatisfactory and the temporary or permanent exclusion is in the School's best interests or those of your child or other children.

(b) *Where you can find examples of offences punishable by suspension or expulsion.* The School Rules set out examples of offences likely to be punishable by temporary or permanent exclusion. 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.

(c) *The Head's discretion to require you to remove your child from the School.* The Head may at his or her discretion require you to remove your child from the School if the Head considers that:

(i) 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 brings (or is likely to bring) the School into disrepute; and/or is not in accordance with your obligations under this contract;

(ii) your child's attendance or progress is unsatisfactory and, in the reasonable opinion of the Head, the removal is in the School's best interests and/or those of your child or other children.

(d) *What happens if your child is excluded or removed from the School.* Should the Head exercise his or her right under either Clause 8(a) or Clause 8(c)(i) above you will not be entitled to any refund or remission of fees or supplemental charges due (whether paid or payable). Also, where your child is permanently excluded or you are required to remove your child from the School the deposit will be forfeited meaning that the School will retain the deposit. If your child is permanently excluded from the School, fees in lieu of notice will **not** be payable and any prepaid fees and/or Extras for the term following the exclusion will be refunded. If you are required to remove your child from the School as a result of the Head exercising his or her discretion under Clause 8(c)(ii) then fees in lieu of notice will not be payable and any prepaid fees and/or Extras for the term following the removal (including, if applicable, the deposit held by the School) will be refunded.

(e) *Your right to have disciplinary matters or decisions reviewed.* You are entitled to have any serious disciplinary matters or decisions taken by the Head under this Clause 8 reviewed. Any such review shall be governed by the Complaints Procedure.

## **9. The School's Obligations**

(a) *The period of your child's schooling.* Subject to these Terms and Conditions, the School will accept your child as a pupil of the School from the time of joining the School until the end of his or her [preparatory] OR [secondary] schooling. [However, the School shall not be obliged to permit your child to enter either year 9 (fourth form) or the sixth form unless satisfied that it is appropriate to do so having regard to his or her academic attainments and all other relevant circumstances. The School may make a decision as to whether your child may join the sixth form after the results of GCSE or equivalent examinations are known, and may make entry to the sixth form conditional upon the results of such examinations.]

(b) *The scope of our duty to exercise reasonable skill and care for your child's education and welfare.* While your child remains a pupil of the School, we will exercise reasonable skill and care in respect of his or her education and welfare. 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 the welfare of your child while off the School premises unless he or she is taking part in a school activity or otherwise under the supervision of a member of School staff.

(c) *Consent to participation in contact sports and similar activities.* Unless you notify us to the contrary, you consent to your child participating, under supervision, in contact sports and in other normal sports and activities which may entail some risk of physical injury.

(d) *What happens if your child needs urgent medical attention.* If your child requires urgent medical attention while under the School's care we will, if practicable, attempt to obtain your prior consent. However, if it is not practicable to contact you we will make the decision on your behalf if, for example, consent is required for urgent treatment recommended by a doctor or other medical practitioner (including anaesthetic or operation, or blood transfusion (unless you have previously notified us you object to blood transfusions)).

(e) *Our right to make changes at the School.* Our prospectus describes 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 (including by providing such education remotely (whilst your child remains at home, for example, where the School is required to close the School premises)).

(f) *We will give you notice of significant changes.* We will give you notice of any 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. This will allow you time to consider the proposed change and, if you wish to withdraw your child from the School before the proposed change is set to take effect, then you have sufficient time to provide the required term's notice of withdrawal to the School under Clause 6(a) above.

(g) *Monitoring your child's progress at the School.* We shall monitor your child's progress at the School and produce regular written reports. We shall advise you if we have any concern about your child's progress but we do not undertake to diagnose dyslexia or other conditions. A formal assessment can be arranged by the School at your expense. You may be asked to withdraw your child without being charged fees in lieu of notice if in the opinion of the Head the School cannot provide adequately for your child's special educational needs, or the Head is of the reasonable opinion that your child is unable to access the School's educational provision subject always to the School complying with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010.

(h) *Religious observance.* Religious observance at the School shall be conducted in accordance with the School Rules and the School's Christian ethos.

## **10. The Parents' Obligations**

(a) *We require your co-operation.* In order to fulfil our obligations under this contract and to maintain a constructive and good faith relationship with you, we, the Head and School staff need your co-operation, including in particular by you fulfilling your own obligations under this contract.

(b) *Examples of the co-operation and assistance we require.* You shall co-operate with the School and School staff in good faith, and including in particular by:

- (i) maintaining a constructive relationship with School staff (including instances where the School is exercising its rights and performing its obligations under this contract);
- (ii) encouraging your child in his or her studies, and giving appropriate support at home;
- (iii) keeping 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 fees and supplemental charges for your child);
- (iv) ensuring that all details or other information notified or otherwise disclosed to the School about you and/or your child are accurate, truthful and not misleading and that relevant details and information (or changes to it) are not withheld;
- (v) providing cooperation and assistance to the School so that your child can participate and benefit from the School's provision of education (including where the School may wish/need to provide such education remotely); and
- (vi) attending meetings and keeping in touch with the School where your child's interests so require.

(c) *You must notify us of your child's health/medical conditions or special educational needs.* It is a condition of your child's joining the School that you complete and submit to the School 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 allergy that your child has or subsequently develops, whether long-term or short-term, including any infections. You must also provide us, whether upon further request by the School or otherwise, any reports or other materials relevant to any of the same.

(d) Circumstances where we may require you to keep your child away from School. If the School so requires due to a health risk either presented by your child to others or presented to your child by others or by reason of a virus, pandemic, epidemic or other health risk, you undertake to keep your child at home and not permit him/her to return to the School until such time as the health risk has passed. Where it is considered appropriate in such circumstances we will try to continue providing education to your child remotely during such period (including, for example, by sending you/your child work assignments electronically or by post).

(e) You must notify us of any special arrangements needed for your child. You must inform the School of any situations where special arrangements may be needed in relation to your child, including in relation to their education or welfare.

(f) You must notify us of any court orders that relate to, or that may impact upon, the provision of education to your child; and provide us with copies of them. 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 (including its premises) and/or the School's provision of education to your child. These would include any court order or undertaking given to a court which may deal with or impact upon in any way: (i) your child's living and/or contact arrangements; (ii) your child's education, welfare and/or upbringing; and/or (iii) the payment of fees and/or supplemental charges. In any such circumstances you shall (whether upon request or otherwise) promptly provide the School with copies of the relevant court order(s) or undertaking(s) (or the relevant parts thereof).

(g) We require you to nominate a 'responsible adult' for us to contact in your absence. It is also a condition of your child's joining the School that, where required (such requirement being made known to you by the School prior to your child joining the School), you [complete and submit to the School a parental absence form for your child. Amongst other things this form will] nominate a 'responsible adult' for your child who will be delegated the authority by you to make decisions relating to your child if the School is not able to contact you.

(h) We are entitled to expect that parents have consulted with each other regarding decisions relating to your child. You (and each of you as the holders of parental responsibility for your child) acknowledge and agree that, prior to and during your child's time at the School, the School is entitled to assume that you have consulted with each other so far as decisions regarding your child are concerned. Accordingly, except under Clause 10(i) below, you (and each of you) accept that the School is entitled to treat:

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

(ii) any communication from the School to one of you as having been given to both of you.

(i) We are entitled to require that notices of withdrawal must be submitted and in writing and signed by both parents. A notice of withdrawal of your child served under this contract (i.e., under any of Clauses 3(a), 5(a)(ii) and 5(a)(iii) or 6(a)) must be in writing in letter form addressed to the Head and signed by each of you as the holders of parental responsibility for your child, will be acknowledged by the Head (and the School shall be entitled not to accept such notice unless and until all holders of parental responsibility for the child have signed such notice).

(j) You must notify us of your child's absence from School. The Head must be informed in writing of any reason for your child's absence from School. Wherever possible the School's prior consent should be sought for absence from the School but the Head has the authority to refuse such requests.

(k) Parents must notify us if they will be absent for a period of time. 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 24 hours then you must inform the School in writing and provide the details required by the School as a result, including the name and contact details for a 'responsible adult' for the period of your absence.

(l) Raising concerns with the School and making formal complaints. If you have cause for concern as to a matter of safety, care, discipline or progress of your child you must inform the School without undue delay. Complaints should be made in accordance with the Complaints Procedure. A copy of the most up-to-date version of the Complaints Procedure is on the School's website and is otherwise available from the School at any time upon request.

## 11. Insurance

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. The School offers certain insurance products from time to time, details of which can be obtained from the bursary.

### **PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY**

Although there will be circumstances when it is appropriate to seek a parental consent, data protection and privacy rights belong to the individual. The law considers that children of average maturity will, from the age of around 13, have sufficient awareness of their own privacy to make certain decisions relating to their personal data themselves and sometimes, but not always, the law may require that the decision of the child is more important than that of the parent.

In most cases, it will not in fact always be necessary or practical for us to obtain consent for every use we make of personal data of you or your child. The law recognises this but also requires that we set out clearly what these uses are as fair as possible. Please also see our 'Data Protection Notice' which is available on the School's website.

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

(a) We may provide a reference for your child. We 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 us will be confidential. We will take care to ensure that all information that is supplied relating to your child is accurate and any opinion given on his/her ability, aptitude for certain courses and character is fair. However, we cannot be responsible for any loss you are or your child is alleged to have suffered resulting from opinions reasonably given, or correct statements of fact contained, in any reference or report given by us.

(b) We will need to use information relating to your child and to you for certain purposes connected with the running of the School. This will include name, contact details, school records, photographs and video recordings both whilst your child is at the School and after he or she has left for the purposes of:

- (i) managing relationships between the School and current pupils/parents and fulfilling our obligations under the contract with you;
- (ii) promoting the School to prospective pupils/parents;
- (iii) publicising the School's activities
- (iv) communicating with the School community and the body of former pupils.

In respect of (ii), (iii) and (iv), this includes use of such information by the School in/on the School's prospectus (in whatever format or medium it is produced/made available), the School's website(s) and (where appropriate) the School's social media channels. If you do not wish for information relating to your child to be used for the above purposes, please inform the bursar in writing.

(c) You are required to update us of changes to information held, or in circumstances relating to, you and/or your child. You must:

- (i) confirm (or update, if necessary), when requested, such information (and/or documentation) about (or relating to) you and/or your child that is held by the School; and
- (ii) inform the School of any change to you 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 (or relating to) you or your child that has previously been notified to the School, including relevant contact details.

(d) As Tier 4 sponsor we need your consent to us providing certain information to UKVI. In order to comply with our responsibilities as a licensed sponsor under Tier 4 of the Home Office's points-based system for immigration purposes, you consent to us notifying and/or supplying information relating to you and/or your child's right to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom to the *United Kingdom Visas and Immigration* (UKVI) unit of the Home Office (whether the School actually sponsors your child under Tier 4 or not).

(e) We will send information (e.g., school reports) about your child to both of you as a matter of course. You agree that those persons who have parental responsibility for your child are entitled to receive certain information about your child from the School (including school reports, correspondence and other materials relating to his or her progress, development and/or education generally). The School shall therefore disclose such information as a matter of routine to such persons 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 the Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended or superseded)).

(f) Data Protection Law. The School will process personal data about you and your child in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended or superseded including from 25 May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation) and other related legislation. We will process such personal data:

- (i) as set out in this Clause 12, and in the School's 'Privacy Notice' which is available on the School's website as may be amended from time to time;
- (ii) in order to comply with any court order, request from or referral to an appropriate authority, or legal, regulatory or good practice requirement; and
- (iii) to perform our obligations under this contract, and where otherwise reasonably necessary for the School's purposes.

### **13. Intellectual Property Rights**

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

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

For the purposes of constitutional changes to the School (including changes to the legal entity that owns and runs the School) or amalgamation of the School with another we may transfer the undertaking of the School to another person or organisation. We will notify you to let you know if we plan to do this and we will ensure that the transfer will not affect your rights under this contract. We may transfer our rights and obligations under this contract in connection with any such transfer and/or amalgamation.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - it sets out the rights we have, and that you have, to cancel this contract early (that is, before the normal leaving date for the end of your child's schooling).

## **15. Cancellation of this Contract**

(a) Our rights to end the contract. The School may end this contract at any time by giving notice in writing to you, without any obligation to return any deposit or fees paid, to you, if:

(i) 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;

(ii) your child is permanently excluded from the School;

(iii) you are required to remove your child from the School, including circumstances where you (as opposed to your child) act in such a way as to give the Head cause to require you to remove your child from the School under Clause 8(c)(i) of this contract;

(iii) you (or either of you) make a serious misrepresentation of facts or circumstances to us, or you (or either of you) fail to disclose information about your child's health, learning support requirements or any relevant issues at your child's previous school or withhold important information from us, about you and/or your child or that is relevant to the provision of education by the School to your child (such as misrepresenting at any point in time (and whether by act, omission or withholding of information on your part) that you and/or your child is legally entitled to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom when in fact you/your child is not);

(iv) you fail or refuse to complete and submit to the School a medical questionnaire in respect of your child and/or you fail or refuse to complete and submit a parental absence form;

(v) you (or either of you):

(aa) are unable, following our request, to demonstrate that you will be able to pay the fees and supplemental charges due under this contract;

(bb) are otherwise unable to pay your debts as they fall due;

(cc) are the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; or

(dd) you enter into an individual voluntary arrangement; or

(vi) you otherwise do not comply with (i.e. you breach) your obligations under this contract such that we have a legal right to end the contract or, in the Head's reasonable discretion, the School is not able to provide, or is compromised in providing, the educational services it needs to in satisfaction of its obligations under this contract.

(b) Your rights to end the contract. You may end this contract at any time by notice in writing to the School if:

(i) you have a legal right to end the contract because of something we have done wrong; or

(ii) the School becomes insolvent or goes into liquidation or receivership or administrative receivership or is wound-up for any reason.

(c) When this contract will end if not terminated early. For the avoidance of doubt, this contract shall end at the end of your child's schooling **[in year 13 unless terminated at the end of the year 8 or if your child does not meet any requirements imposed under Clause 9(a) for entry to the sixth form] [in year 8].**

(d) 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 the School have that may already have arisen. After this contract ends, you and the School will keep any rights we have under general law.

## **16. Events outside of our, or your, control**

(a) What we mean by an "event outside of our/your control". We mean any event beyond either your or our reasonable control including, by way of example and for the avoidance of doubt, acts of God, war, riot, civil commotion, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction (including that of a local authority), accident, fire, flood, storm,

pandemic or epidemic of any disease, terrorist attack, chemical or biological contamination. In the remainder of this Clause 16 we shall refer to these as an "**event**".

(b) *What happens if we are affected by an event outside of our control?* If an event beyond our control arises which prevents or delays the School's performance of any of its obligations under this contract, the School shall give you notice in writing specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to the event. Provided that the School has acted reasonably and prudently to prevent and/or minimise the effect of the event and subject to Clause 16(c), the School will not be responsible for not performing those of our obligations which are prevented or delayed by, and during the continuance of, the event. To the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances the School shall try during the continuance of the event to continue to provide educational services (including by providing appropriate educational services remotely).

(c) *What happens if your child is affected by an event outside of your control?* Subject to Clause 5(g), if your child is physically unable to attend (or is likely not to be physically able to attend) the School due to reasons caused by an event you shall give the School notice in writing of such circumstances and the following provisions shall apply:

(i) in consultation and cooperation with the School you shall 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;

(ii) in circumstances where, following the efforts made and steps taken under (i) above, your child is not able to participate and benefit from any level of provision of education by the School then you shall write to the Head giving the reason(s) why your child can no longer attend school. You shall not be responsible for failing to perform your obligations during the continuance of the event and the Head will, in their absolute discretion, decide any request for refund/partial refund/waiver of your fee liabilities during the continuance of the event.

#### **17. Communications between you and the School**

(a) *Notices must be in writing.* When this contract requires you or the School to give notice of something to the other then, unless we agree otherwise, this should be done in writing.

(b) *We will use the contact details held by the School to contact you.* Communications (including notices) will be sent by 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.

(c) *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) delivered by hand to the School;
- (ii) sent to the School by recorded or other form of registered post requiring a signature upon receipt as proof of delivery; or
- (iii) otherwise sent to the School's address by first or second class post.

In light of the importance under this contract of serving certain notices on or before a particular deadline (and the consequences that follow if you do not do so) we recommend that notices you may wish to send us under any of Clauses 3, 5(a)6(a), 6(b) or 6(d) and 10(i) of these Terms and Conditions are sent to the School by recorded or other form of registered post requiring a signature upon receipt as proof of delivery. Unless we agree otherwise, you should NOT provide any of these notices by email.

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

(a) *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.

(b) *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. And, if we cannot enforce any part of this contract, this will not affect our right to enforce the rest of this contract.

#### **19. Changes to 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. The School will send you notice of any such modifications prior to the end of the penultimate term before the modifications are to take effect.