

ALNS HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

VISION

'DARE TO DREAM, AIM TO ACHIEVE'

We believe that our school should be a place where everyone in its community experiences success in some form or another and enjoys the confidence that this brings. We recognise and celebrate success however it may be revealed.

We believe that by providing a challenging and exciting curriculum which interests and motivates our students, we will ensure that they achieve beyond their expectations.

We believe that our students should experience a creative, dynamic and enriched learning environment with a focus on enterprise learning across the curriculum.

We believe that by the age of 16 every student will leave us having become an independent and enterprising learner with a desire for and a love of learning for life; having high self-esteem and confidence in their own identity and enjoying a pride in their achievements. They will be technologically skilled to meet the needs of the 21st Century and have the flexibility to succeed in and help shape the future for us all.

AIMS

To achieve our vision we aim to:

- Provide excellence in curriculum provision and innovation and exceptional standards of teaching and learning, with the spirit of enterprise threaded through all that we do.
- Be committed to the use of ICT and other new technologies across the curriculum, always developing new approaches and better ways of learning.
- Develop strong links with the local community and the world of work and use these to guide curriculum development so that the aspirations of our students can be met.
- Strive consistently to enrich the curriculum to develop students' experiences in innovation, enterprise, citizenship, the creative world and an understanding of our place in and responsibilities to the rest of the world.
- Work in partnership with parents, students, Governors and the wider community to create a learning environment which nurtures everyone.

ATTENDANCE

STUDENT

- I will be punctual and attend school every day, aiming to achieve in excess of 95% attendance each academic year.

PARENT

- I will ensure that my child is punctual and attends school every day.
- I will provide accurate contact details including emergency contact details, updating when necessary.
- I will contact the school 9:30am if my child is unable to attend school for any reason.
- I will provide a note explaining my child's absence on their return to school.
- I will complete a 'Leave of Absence' form should I wish to request to remove my child from school for any reason other than illness.
- I will provide medical evidence (a copy of prescription or appointment card will be suffice) for any absence for illness over 5 days in any given term.
- I will arrange routine Doctor/Dentist appointments and/or College interviews outside school hours.
- I understand that should my child have an extended period of unexplained/unauthorised absence, I may be liable to prosecution by the Local Authority.

SCHOOL

- We will recognise and reward students who have excellent attendance and are always punctual to school.
- If we have not had any contact from a parent to explain their child's absence on their first day of absence OR if the school becomes aware that they may no longer be on school premises without permission during the school day we will endeavour to make contact with the parent.
- We will inform parents and the student if they are not meeting the expected levels of attendance or punctuality.
- We will always aim to work with parents and the student to ensure the best possible levels of attendance and punctuality.
- We will refer any period of unauthorised absence to the Local Authority who may proceed with an Attendance Plan or prosecution.

I confirm that I will comply with the above ALNS expectations.

BEHAVIOUR

STUDENT

- I will wear the correct school uniform and ensure I am properly equipped for school as explained in the Student Planner.
- I agree to follow the school rules in regarding to piercings, makeup and other items not allowed in school.
- I will show respect and courtesy towards other students, school staff, outside visitors and all members of the local community.
- I will respect my own and others' achievements and take responsibility for my actions allowing school to be a positive, safe and inclusive environment.
- I will demonstrate tolerance and awareness of others no matter what their ethnic origin, background, gender or sexuality.

PARENT

- I will ensure my child wears correct school uniform and is properly equipped for school as outlined in the Student Planner.
- I will support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour, supporting the school's authority to take appropriate action, including the setting and completing of detentions and other sanctions.
- I understand the school may take appropriate action against a student or group of students to ensure the physical and emotional safety and wellbeing of other members of the school community.

SCHOOL

- We will consistently apply school rewards and sanctions and school procedures to create a positive and safe climate for learning.
- We will 'model' respect and courtesy towards all members of the school and local community.
- We will demonstrate tolerance and awareness of others no matter what their ethnic origin, background, gender or sexuality.
- We will take appropriate action against a student or group of students to ensure the physical and emotional safety and wellbeing of other members of the school community.

I confirm that I will comply with the above ALNS expectations.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP/SAFE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA

STUDENT

I agree

- to be a safe user whenever and wherever I use technology, at home or at school.
- to be responsible whenever and wherever I use technology and support others by being respectful in how I talk to and work with them and never write or participate in online bullying. This includes not forwarding messages and supporting others' inappropriate online behaviour.
- to report to an adult if I feel unsafe or uncomfortable online or see a friend being unsafe or being made to feel uncomfortable by others.

I know:

- that all on-line activities are monitored and logged.
- that some sites are automatically blocked because they are considered inappropriate.
- that nothing in school is 'private'.
- that inappropriate on-line behaviour may result in sanctions.

When at school I agree to:

- behave in a way outlined in the Schools' Digital Citizenship Contract when online or using mobile technology.
- keep myself and my friends safe by not giving out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images and protecting my password.
- use the technology at school for learning, use the equipment properly and not interfere with the work or data of another student.
- not bring in or download unauthorised programs or files.
- not go searching for rude or offensive sites.
- use an 'online name' and avatar when sharing my work online.
- remember that the content on the web is someone's property and ask my teacher or a parent to help me get permission if I want to use information or pictures.
- think carefully about what I read on the internet, question if it is from a reliable source and use the information to help me answer any questions (I should not copy and paste the information as my answer).
- talk to my teacher or another adult if:
 - I need help online.
 - I am not sure what I should be doing on the internet.
 - I come across sites that are not suitable.
 - someone writes something I don't like, or makes me and my friends feel uncomfortable or asks me to provide information that I know is private.
 - I feel that the welfare of other students at the school is being threatened.
- be respectful in how I talk to and work with others online and never write or participate in online bullying.

When I use any netbook, lap-top, tablet, mobile phone, iPod or other mobile device I agree to:

- use it as requested for learning purposes as directed by my teacher.
- be responsible in my use and not use the device to find, create or send information that might be harmful, inappropriate or hurtful to me or anyone else.
- be entirely responsible for the security of the device at all times.
- Not use any school power source to charge my own device.

To this end, when using any mobile device as a phone I will:

- keep my phone on silent during lesson times and only make or answer calls and messages outside of the school day.
- protect the privacy of others and never post private information about another person using instant messaging.
- I will not make any call, send texts or use social networks to message during the school day.

When using any mobile device as a camera I will:

- only take photos and record sound or video when it is part of a class or lesson.
- seek permission from individuals involved PRIOR to taking photos, recording sound or videoing them (including teachers).
- seek written permission from individuals involved PRIOR to publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space.
- seek teacher permission before uploading any content to public websites.

These rules also apply to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

PARENT

- I will not attempt to make contact with my child on their mobile phone by text, voice call or using social networks during the school day, expecting them to read, answer or respond to messages.
- I have read and understand and agree to the above conditions under which my child will be granted access rights to use the Internet in school as part of their study.
- I will encourage and support my child to be a safe and responsible user of digital technology.

SCHOOL

- We will endeavour to teach students about safe and appropriate use of digital technology.
- We will regularly monitor School Internet provision in order to make sure the security filters are set appropriately and amended as necessary.
- We will appropriately sanction any student who breaches the agreement in order that they understand the seriousness of their actions and to encourage positive digital citizenship.

I confirm that I will comply with the above ALNS expectations.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

STUDENT

- I will complete Independent Learning tasks to the best of my ability.
- I understand that should I not complete the work to the required standard, I may be required to attend support sessions after school.
- I am aware that in the 'build up' to annual terminal exams there is an expectation that I will need to work beyond lessons preparing for all exams taken at ALNS.
- I am aware that my teacher may set appropriate work which won't necessarily be posted on the website but which I will be expected to complete.
- I understand that learning beyond lessons is essential for me to reach all my targets.

PARENT

- I am aware that Independent Learning tasks and information will be made available on the school website for my child to complete.
- I understand that should my child not complete these tasks to the required standard they may be required to attend compulsory support sessions after school.
- I am aware that in the 'build up' to annual terminal exams my child will need to work beyond lessons preparing for all exams taken at ALNS.
- I am aware that at times my child will be set appropriate work throughout the year which won't necessarily be posted on the website.

SCHOOL

- We will provide Independent Learning tasks and information that will be made available on the school website.
- We will ensure the tasks set will be appropriate and challenging and should develop not only a child's knowledge about a topic but also allow them to develop the skills needed for them to become a successful 'lifelong' learner.
- We will report to parents about the quality of the Independent work completed via INSIGHT.

I confirm that I will comply with the above ALNS expectations.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEO RELEASE

STUDENT

- I understand that my parents have given permission that I may be included in any photographs, video clips or media reports during my time at ALNS and up until I reach the age of eighteen.

PARENT

- I agree for my child being involved in any photographs, video clips or media reports during their time at ALNS.
- I consent to the full use of any photographs, video clips, media reports being used in any form and in any medium that promotes or advertises the vision and aims of ALNS up until my child reaches the age of eighteen. I understand photographs, video clips or media reports will NOT be used for any other means.
- I understand that the copyright of any material that is generated as a result of any photographs or video clips shall be assigned to ALNS.

SCHOOL

- We will ensure that any use of photographs, video clips or media reports is solely to promote the vision and aims of ALNS and not for any other reason.
- Should we want to use any photographs, video clips or media reports after a student reaches the age of eighteen we would seek their permission to do so.

I confirm that I will comply with the above ALNS expectations.

STUDENT PROGRESS AND LEARNING

STUDENT

- I will ensure that I am aware of what I need to do to move my learning forward in each subject by talking to my teacher and regularly reviewing my progress towards my targets.
- I will keep a track of my targets, current attainment and written learning targets for each subject I study in my Student Planner.

PARENT

- I will access the schools reporting system, INSIGHT, to look at my child's grades and use this information to talk to them about their progress.
- I will access INSIGHT regularly to review my child's progress and achievements and at the very least every half term.
- I will work with my child and the school where my child might not be progressing as well as they should be and need support in 'catching up'.
- I will share my child's progress with them and celebrate in their achievements.
- I will attend all parents evenings, mentoring sessions or associated information evenings whenever possible.

SCHOOL

- We will provide accurate progress assessments and judgements on a half termly basis through INSIGHT.
- We will provide challenging and aspirational targets.
- We will agree specific subject targets with students in the form of termly written learning tasks.
- We will regularly review our provision of parents' evenings and other information evenings to ensure that they are useful and relevant.

I confirm that I will comply with the above ALNS expectations.