The Ilfracombe Academy

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An Agreement between Home and the School 2026-27

This Agreement will be held in School; a copy is available if you require it, please ask.

I, as parent/carer, agree to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly, on time, in uniform and properly equipped.
- Ensure that I report my child absent before 8.30am with a specific reason should they not be attending school that day, as well as any subsequent days using accepted absence reporting methods.
- Adhere to the school policies for behaviour and uniform.
- Support my child to attend school extracurricular, residential and adventure learning opportunities.
- Read parent briefings, access MCAS and read and act on information provided by the school in order to best support my child.
- Support my child with their home learning, including Sparx etc.
- Engage with Parent/Teacher meetings and discussions about my child's progress.
- Support my child in accessing a full range of Youth Support Services when and where appropriate e.g. careers information, advice and guidance, Social Emotional and Mental Health support etc.
- Support my child in accessing the school's provision for Relationships, Sex and Health Education.
- Ensure that the school has up-to-date contacts (minimum of 2) so we can call during the day if we need to and support your child to leave site if they are unwell or need to come home. Please notify us of changes to contact information.
- Support my child in Year 11 and Sixth Form to attend Period 6 classes.
- Communicate with the school and its staff in a respectful way.
- Develop a positive working relationship with the school by contacting us directly to share concerns (by email or telephone) rather than using social media.
- Only comment appropriately and constructively about the school on social media, without naming members of staff.
- Talk to my child about their life at school.
- Make my child's tutor or year group team aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour.
- Pay costs for any damage or losses to school property caused by my child, including library fines.

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The Ilfracombe Academy agrees to:

- Care for your child's safety and wellbeing.
- Support your child to be ready for learning by ensuring they have the correct equipment and are supported to wear the correct uniform.
- Work to ensure your child achieves his/her potential as a valued member of the school community.
- Help your child develop the skills needed for life long independent learning.
- Support and help your child to develop responsibility and resilience by teaching them how they can support themselves, their learning and their behaviour.
- Provide a balanced curriculum and make reasonable adjustments to support your child's learning.
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- Keep you well informed about general School matters and about your child's progress through an annual report, the school website, MCAS and e-mail contact.
- Be open and welcoming at all times offering opportunities for you to become involved in the life of the school.
- Set home learning that focuses on essential subject knowledge.
- Follow procedures for dealing promptly with any complaints.
- Where requested, the school will ensure that copies of reports, letters and other relevant communications are provided to non-resident parents who hold parental responsibility, in accordance with Department for Education (DfE) guidance. The school will use its best endeavours, where appropriate and practicable, to ensure that both resident and non-resident parents who hold parental responsibility are included in relevant communications, discussions and decisions concerning their child.

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The Student Code of Conduct - I agree to:

- Attend well - attend School regularly and be on time for all my lessons and Greeting, arriving by 8.45am.
- Focus well - ensure I am focused, attentive and ready to learn in all my lessons.
- Learn well - do all my classwork and home learning to the best of my ability and hand it in on time.
- Respond well - 'share a question, say *thank you, excuse me, please and smile'* and if I am unsure about something say *'Can we talk about it later?'*
- Bring all the equipment I need every day - *2 Pens, Clear pencil case, 2 pencils, ruler, rubber, timetable.*
- Wear the correct School uniform and be smart in my appearance - *No visible Jewellery, Trainers, Makeup, False Eyelashes, False Nails, Hair Dye.*
- Follow instructions and do as I am asked, first time.
- Be respectful, polite, kind and helpful to all students and adults.
- Respect and understand others' rights and feelings.
- Help make The Ilfracombe Academy a bully-free community.
- Look after our environment and keep the school free from litter and graffiti.
- Keep my phone switched off and in my bag, not wear earphones/earbuds in school.
- Take responsibility for my own learning and behaviour and follow The Ilfracombe Academy rules and expectations.
- Behave appropriately at all times and remember that I represent the school both in and out of school.
- Seek help from my Tutor, a member of the Year team or the Safeguarding team if I feel I need support or I have a concern I need to share.
- Follow the School protocols for fire drills or in an evacuation in order to keep myself and others safe.

Anti-Bullying Agreement - I agree to:

- Not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind.
- Not pass by if I see someone being bullied but report it immediately to a member of staff.
- Not join in fights or disturbances but report them immediately to a member of staff.
- Be an upstander by supporting and protecting others, recognise when something is wrong and do something to make it right such as stopping the bully, reporting the event, or otherwise helping the victim even after the fact.
- Not tolerate cyber-bullying via social networking sites, texts, or any other messaging.
- Not judge others on their appearance or the way they speak.
- Be accepting of others regardless of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender or disability.
- Not interfere with other people's property.
- Listen to and respect other people's opinions.
- Talk politely.
- Remember that everybody matters – including ourselves.