

S15 The Bushey Academy: Home School Agreement

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Responsible: Principal

The Bushey Academy is a learning focused community where happiness is derived from achievement and positive self-esteem. In all areas, individual effort and endeavour is both expected and recognised, ensuring that students and staff at the academy are 'Proud to Belong.'

The academy has 3 simple rules for all students: Be Ready, Be Respectful, and Be Safe. All students are required to follow these rules, and parents and carers to support the school in applying them.

Whilst the information below is not exhaustive, typical examples of each rule is outlined below:

The academy expects students to:

Rule 1: Be Ready

- Attend school on time, and be punctual to all lessons, so they are ready to learn
- Be organised, having the correct books and equipment for lessons each day
- Wear full school uniform properly - includes blazers, ties, and correct shoes
- Ensure all electronic devices, including phones, headphones etc, are turned off and out of sight
- Not to bring gum, sports or fizzy drinks to school & have only water in clear bottles during lessons
- Be ready to learn
- Participate as much as possible in extra-curricular and enrichment activities

Rule 2: Be Respectful

- Demonstrate the qualities of an excellent Bushey Academy student, never disrupt others' learning and behave appropriately at all times
- Follow instructions from all members of staff, without argument
- Listen to others, use appropriate language (never swear) and a polite tone
- Show respect and tolerance for those from other cultures, and who have different beliefs, faiths and lifestyles
- Look after each other, the buildings, displays and equipment
- Keep the school tidy, always disposing of litter

Rule 3: Be Safe

- Never engage in bullying or aggressive behaviour towards others
- Walk calmly and quietly in the corridors, keeping to the left
- Ensure that they are in the right place at the right time, and not in any area which is out of bounds
- Follow all rules for health and safety

The academy expects parents and carers to:

- Support the academy in a constructive and positive manner
- Promptly inform the academy of any concerns or problems that may affect their child's work or behaviour
- Behave appropriately and respectfully to staff and students at all times, and never engage in insulting or aggressive language or behaviour towards them
- Refrain from uploading images or comments on any social media platform that may cause offence to staff or students of the academy
- Ensure their child attends the academy punctually and regularly, and to communicate with the form tutor and / or the attendance team over the reasons for any absence
- Ensure their child has the correct equipment to learn with them each day
- Ensure their child wears the correct academy uniform
- Attend Parents' Evenings and other meetings where requested to discuss their child's academic progress or pastoral welfare
- Engage with academy events to remain fully involved in their child's education
- Support and encourage their child when completing homework
- Support all academy policies and to be aware, in particular, of the following policies which can be accessed on the academy's website:
 - *S4 Student Behaviour Policy*
 - *S9 Child Protection Policy and the Prevent Strategy*
 - *S16 Medical Needs and Treatment of Students Policy*
 - *S36 Drugs Policy*
 - *S22 Attendance Policy*
 - *S30 Mobile Phone Policy*
 - *S38 Student ICT Acceptable Use Policy*

The academy will:

- Provide a safe, ordered and caring environment in which the students are happy
- Value all the students equally and make the academy a happy and welcoming place to learn, where the social, cultural and personal differences of all the students are celebrated
- Foster a belief in all students of their own worth and ability, always encouraging them to achieve the very best that they can, both in and out of the classroom
- Set high standards of work and behaviour
- Regularly set appropriate levels of suitable homework
- Inform parents and carers of student progress on a regular basis, particularly through academic reports (3 times a year), at Parent Consultation Evenings and other meetings, in order that they can be fully involved in their child's education
- Keep parents and carers informed and involved in academy activities
- Ensure that all students are fully prepared for life in modern Britain, and understand key British Values and principles such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs; as part of this, the academy will provide focused education to help protect all students against the dangers of radicalisation and violent extremism.

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