

The Gateway Learning Community Trust

Home/ Academy Contract 2023-24 [Secondary]

All members of the Gateway Learning Community: staff, parents and children will commit to working together to achieve the following mission: to develop confident, aspirational, resilient, high-achieving, healthy, caring and fulfilled members of a diverse, truly fair, and equal community.

<p>The Gateway Learning Community Academies will do everything to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive relationships are promoted at all levels to reduce any barriers to learning; - Teaching is of the quality that leads to outstanding progress for all students; - The curriculum will be inspiring, meaningful, challenging and relevant, helping all students to develop aspiration, achieve their potential and prepare them for later life; - A range of partners are engaged to provide a wide range of services and opportunities to students and their families. <p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Care for your child's well-being, support them to learn and provide opportunities for them to experience spiritual, moral, social and cultural growth; - Robustly monitor your child's attendance and put actions in place if any concerns are raised; - Inform you of any concerns we have related to your child's well-being, learning or behaviour and ensure that you are aware of your child's assessment weeks, events and key dates throughout the academic year; - Have the highest expectations of your child.
<p>Parents will do everything to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Their child attends their GLC Academy every day; on time; in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment; - Their child does not bring fizzy/power drinks [including Lucozade] to their GLC Academy; - Any packed lunch provided is nutritionally balanced and appropriate; - Their child attends Additional Learning Periods [ALPs] to catch-up their learning as necessary; - They fully support all of the GLC Policies including the GLC Student Code of Conduct; - Their child has a suitable place at home, to complete homework; - They attend their GLC academy for their child's Parents' Evening; - They take responsibility and pay for damage and breakages resulting from their child's actions; - They do not phone or text their child during lessons; in emergency situations contact their GLC Academy reception; - They educate and monitor their child to ensure they use their mobile phones and other electronic devices responsibly. - They will play an active role in promoting their GLC Academy's strengths and use the correct procedures to raise any concerns with regard to their child's education. Parents should not use social media as an outlet to damage the reputation of their GLC Academy.
<p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work at all times to 'improve upon their best' and help others to do the same; - Read regularly, take pride in their work and practice their maths; - Attend same-day or programmed ALP's; when arranged to support their progress; - Complete all homework to the best of their ability and on time; - Wear their uniform correctly, with pride and ensure they bring the correct equipment to their academy every day; - Attend their GLC academy every day and on time; - Adhere to the GLC's Student Code of Conduct; - Work with their GLC academy to eradicate all bullying, including cyber bullying; - Use their phones and other electronic devices appropriately and when in lessons as directed by their teachers; - Understand that they bring phones and other electronic devices to their GLC academy at their own risk.

Member of the GLC academy _____ Date _____

Student _____

Parent/ Carer _____

By signing the Gateway Learning Community Home/Academy Contract students and parents agree to the above:

If a student consistently refuses to follow the Student Code of Conduct	Depending on the situation, students may lose privileges, be isolated or take part in community service activities. Parents will be expected
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	to support the Academy in ensuring their child follows the student code of conduct and attend meetings when requested. Please note that repeat incidents or in severe circumstances could result in the student being excluded.
If a student is underachieving	They will be expected to attend compulsory intervention activities such as catch-up classes, same day or ALPs; 1-2-1 intervention classes; holiday classes; academic mentoring or attendance monitoring.
If a student uses a phone or other electronic device inappropriately while in the Academy	In a classroom situation the phone or electronic device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the lesson (if the student refuses to hand the phone/electronic device over it will be removed and returned to the student at the end of the day). If the student uses the phone/electronic device in the corridor, the device will be confiscated and the student can collect it from student services at the end of the day. If this becomes a regular issue or the student is abusive when challenged, they may be banned from bringing their mobile phone or electronic device into the Academy.
If a student is found smoking.	A letter will be sent home to the student's parents; the student will be isolated and be referred to a smoking awareness programme. A repeat case will result in a further call home; a meeting with parents and a series of sanctions will be put in place including but not exclusive of isolation, detentions, community service and/or a ban from certain areas on the Academy site.
If a student swears directly at a member of staff	Depending on the circumstance, a student will be isolated for the remainder of the day. A phone call will be made to the parent to explain the situation. A restorative justice meeting will be convened before the student returns to normal lessons. Please note repeated incidents could result in the student getting excluded.
If a student physically assaults another person or threatens an assault.	Depending on the circumstance, a student will be isolated for the remainder of the day whilst the incident is investigated. The sanction will reflect the level of aggression used, in severe circumstances the Academy may involve the police and/or could result in the student being excluded.
If a student incites others to fight or bully or is engaged in bullying [including cyber-bullying]	Students will be isolated and take part in a restorative justice process that, in some circumstances [particularly for racist and/or homophobic incidents] will be referred to the police or other appropriate agencies. Students may be referred to off-site provision if deemed necessary. Please note that repeat incidents or in severe circumstances could result in the student being excluded.
If students are involved in illegal sexual activity.	Where GDPR regulations permit, the parents of the students will be informed. The students will be referred to the appropriate agencies for support and guidance. The Academy will consider what sanctions and internal support will be necessary on a case-by-case basis.
If a student misuses Academy IT equipment and personal electronic devices	They may lose their IT privileges such as internet access for a specified period of time and have their use of computers and other equipment closely monitored. They may also be isolated for a period of time or excluded depending on the situation. In some circumstances a referral may be completed to social services, police or other appropriate agencies depending on the nature of the situation.