



HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

PARENTS / CARERS

BACKGROUND

We ask all children, young people and parents/carers involved in the life of Ricards Lodge High School to sign a Home-School Agreement (HSA) to outline how we expect their children to behave when they are travelling to and from school, at school, on trips and outside of school.

Your child has also signed a HSA which is on Reach More Parents and linked at the end of this document.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

You can read Ricards Lodge High School's full Behaviour for Learning Policy on Reach More Parents for more detail on our expectations for behaviour.



WHAT CAN I EXPECT THE SCHOOL TO DO?

School's Responsibilities

We acknowledge our responsibility to support parents/carers in their task of educating their children in an academically challenging environment.

The School will:

- Encourage and ensure your child understands the school values; we Aspire, we are Resilient, we are Compassionate, we champion Equality and we work Together
- Ensure your child follows our three school rules: 3Rs 'Ready to learn', 'Show respect to all' and 'Take responsibility for my actions'
- Challenge your child to strive for the highest standard of personal, social and intellectual development and aim for excellence in all they do
- Provide a friendly welcome to your child and a safe, stimulating environment in which to learn and flourish
- Ensure that your child is valued for who they are and helped to make progress in their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- Provide you with information about your child's well-being and performance and give you opportunities to talk to your child's teachers
- Keep you informed of school policies and activities through regular school letters and newsletters through our school communication app, Reach More Parents

(For and on behalf of the Governing Body)
Headteacher:

Kate Page

Date: September 2023

WHAT AM I AGREEING TO?

Parental Responsibilities

As parents/carers, we acknowledge that we are the primary educators of our children and have an irreplaceable role to play supporting our children's learning at Ricards Lodge High School.

Therefore I/We will:

- Support the key values of the RLHS community and encourage my child to uphold them at all times
- Attend all parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress
- Ensure that my child attends RLHS everyday and in the correct school uniform
- Give my child opportunities for home learning and support my child in the completion of homework to the best of my ability
- Ensure that family holidays are taken outside term time
- Check homework regularly
- Support the school policies and guidelines for behaviour including after school detentions
- Consent to the use of photographic evidence of curricular activities undertaken within RLHS and visual images on the school website or for educational purposes
- Inform RLHS of any concerns or changes in circumstances
- Sign up to all parental communication channels to ensure that I am informed about my child's education and progress
- Should you need to speak to a member of staff please contact the school office to make an appointment in advance

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP)

FOR PARENTS/CARERS

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We ask all children, young people and adults involved in the life of Ricards Lodge High School to sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to outline how we expect them to behave when they are online, and/or using school networks, connections, internet connectivity and devices, cloud platforms and social media (both when on school site and outside of school).

Your child has also digitally signed an AUP which is available on the links page at the end of this document.

We tell your children that **they should not behave any differently when they are out of school or using their own device or home network.**

What we tell students about behaviour and respect applies to all members of the school community, whether they are at home or school.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

You can read Ricards Lodge High School's full Online Safety Policy for more detail on our approach to online safety and links to other relevant policies (e.g. Safeguarding Policy, Behaviour for learning Policy, etc).

If you have any questions about the AUP or our approach to online safety, please contact Mr S Green, Assistant Headteacher via the school office.

"TREAT YOURSELF AND OTHERS
WITH RESPECT AT ALL TIMES;
TREAT PEOPLE IN THE SAME WAY
WHEN YOU ARE ONLINE OR ON
A DEVICE AS YOU WOULD FACE
TO FACE."

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- I understand that Ricards Lodge High School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching & learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.
- I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep students safe and to prevent students from accessing inappropriate materials, including behaviour policies and agreements, physical and technical monitoring, education and support and web filtering.
- School network protections will be superior to most home filtering. However, please note that accessing the internet always involves an element of risk and the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the internet and mobile technologies. Schools are asked not to overblock or provide an experience which is so locked down as to block educational content or not train pupils for life in an online world.
- I understand that internet and device use in school, and use of school-owned devices, networks and cloud platforms out of school are subject to filtering and monitoring.
- I understand and will help my child to use any devices at home in the same manner as when in school, including during any remote learning periods.
- I will support my child to follow the school's policy regarding bringing devices to school including the Chromebook Code and the Mobile Phone Policy
- I understand that my child might be contacted online through Google Classroom or Gmail by their Class teachers, form tutor and head of year, and only about their learning, well-being or behaviour. If they are contacted by someone else or these staff ask them to use a different app to chat, they will tell another teacher.
- I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing other's images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, students or other parents/carers.
- Parents are kindly asked not to call pupils on their mobile phones during the school day; urgent messages can be passed via the school office.
- The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviour from students when using social media. I will support the school's social media policy and not encourage my children to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.

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- I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, they will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety and refer to parentsafelgfl.net for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screentime and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate content etc...
- If my child has online tuition, I will undertake necessary checks where I have arranged this privately, ensuring they are registered/safe and reliable, and for any tuition to remain in the room where possible, ensuring my child knows that tutors should not arrange new sessions or online chats directly with them.
- I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet and to various devices, operating systems, consoles, apps and games. Internet Matters provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK. Google for Education also provides a Tech Toolkit for parents that contains useful advice and guidance on using technology at home. These are linked in the Hub in Reach More Parents.
- I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children, and refer to the principles of the Digital 5 A Day.
- I understand and support the commitments made by my child in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which they have signed, and which can be seen here, and I understand that they will be subject to sanctions if they do not follow these rules.
- I can find out more about online safety at Ricards Lodge High School by reading the full Online Safety Policy and can talk to Ms Bloom (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mr S Green (Assistant Headteacher), the appropriate head of year or your child's form tutor if I have any concerns about my child/ren's use of technology, or about that of others in the community, or if I have questions about online safety or technology use in school.



Please sign the Home School
Agreement declaration and
Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
digitally in the forms section of
Reach More Parents

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY (NOS)

SIGN UP ONLINE



We would like to invite all parents and carers with children joining us in September 2023 to complete the Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 11-14.

National Online Safety have a whole school community approach to online-safety with comprehensive training and resources for teachers, parents and children.

We encourage all parents to sign up for National Online Safety using [this link](#). Apps are also available in the [Apple App store](#) and [Google Play Store](#)

USEFUL LINKS

The Home School Agreement Declaration Form and Acceptable Use Policy Declaration Form can be found in the [Forms](#) section within Reach More Parents

[Home-School Agreement for Students](#)

[Behaviour for Learning Policy](#)

[Online Safety Policy](#)

[Mobile Phone Policy - Coming soon](#)

[Chromebook Code](#)

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[Online Tutors - Keeping Children Safe](#)

[Internet Matters](#)

[Tech Toolkit](#)

[Digital 5 a Day](#)

