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## Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions should be read by all parties with parental responsibility [\[1\]](#) for the child before signing the Acceptance Form for accepting a place at the School.

**What these terms cover.** These are the terms and conditions on which we provide educational services.

**Why you should read them.** Please read these terms carefully before you accept our offer of a place at the School for your child. These terms tell you who we are and how and on what basis the School will provide educational services.

In these terms you will see some parts written in bold, or that are otherwise highlighted to make them stand out. This is in an effort to draw certain provisions to your specific attention because they are important to the good management and operation of the School and our provision of educational services.

If you think there is a mistake in these terms, or if anything in these terms is unclear or you would like to have further explained to you, then please contact the Bursar to discuss.

### 1. Definitions

(a) *Meanings of some words and phrases we use in these terms and conditions.* In these terms and conditions some words and phrases have particular meanings and it is helpful to ensure certainty and consistency to have them defined. Such defined terms are set out below and when used in these terms and conditions they shall have the meaning given to them here. Please take note of them.

**"Acceptance Form"** means the form provided by the School for parents to complete when accepting a place for their child at the School;

**"Child"** means a child of whatever age admitted by the School to be educated;

**"Complaints Procedure"** means the School's procedure for handling complaints from parents, as amended from time to time for legal or other substantive reasons, or in order to assist the proper administration of the School. It does not form part of the contract between you and the School. A copy of the most up-to-date procedure is available via the School website or from the School at any time upon request;

**"Contract"** has the meaning given in [Clause 1\(c\)](#) below;

**"Deposit"** means the amount set out and referred to as the deposit in the Acceptance Form and the Schedule of Fees;

**"Fees"** means the termly fees set out in the Schedule of Fees as amended from time to time;

**"Fees in Advance Terms and Conditions"** means the supplemental terms and conditions relating to the School's Fees in Advance scheme;

**"Head"** means the person appointed by the Governors of the School to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the School, including anyone to whom such duties have been delegated;

"**Nursery 2**" means the final year of a pupil's Nursery education, after which in the following September that pupil would move into the Pre-Prep years of the School.

"**Schedule of Fees**" means the note of the School's prevailing fees notified to you from time to time and a copy of which remains available from the School at any time upon request;

"**Term**" means a term of the School as notified to parents from time to time;

"**A term's notice**" means written notice given not later than the first day of the term preceding the term to which the notice relates [\[2\]](#);

"**Terms and Conditions**" means these terms and conditions as may be amended from time to time for legal, safety or other substantive reasons, or in order to assist the proper administration of the School;

"**We**" or the "**School**" means the legal entity carrying on as the School as identified in [Clause 1\(b\)](#) below; and

"**You**" or the "**parents**" means each person who has signed the Acceptance Form as a parent or guardian of the child, or a person who with the School's express written consent replaces a person who has signed the Acceptance Form.

In these terms and conditions we sometimes provide illustrative examples to try and provide you with a better understanding and appreciation of what we are referring to. We do this by using the words "**for example**", "**includes**" or "**including**" and, because we do not intend for the examples given to be exhaustive, when we do use these words it means that the examples that are given are not exclusive or limiting examples of the matter in question. Also in these terms and conditions we use headings to introduce the separate provisions. These headings are for ease of understanding only.

(b) *Who we are.* We are Great Walstead Limited (trading as Great Walstead School) a company registered in England and Wales. Our company registration number is 751662 and our registered office is at East Mascalls Lane, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2QL. Our usual place of business is Great Walstead School, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2QL.

(c) *Our contract with you.* Comes into force on the date the Acceptance Form is signed by you and includes the **Acceptance Form**, the **Schedule of Fees**, the **Fees in Advance Terms and Conditions** and these **terms and conditions** (as in each case may be varied from time to time) form the terms of an agreement (the "**Contract**") between you and the School. It is not intended that the terms of the contract shall be enforceable by your child or by any other third party.

## 2. Acceptance and Deposit

(a) *How you accept our offer of a place.* An offer of a place for your child at the School is accepted by your submitting the completed Acceptance Form and paying the deposit.

(b) *The non-refundable status of the deposit.* **The deposit is not refundable if your child does not take up a place at the School.** The exception to this is where the School fills the vacancy created by your child's withdrawal, in which case the School shall refund the deposit to you less its costs in administering your dealings with the School or a reasonable estimate of those costs [\[3\]](#).

(c) *How we use the deposit.* The deposit will form part of the general funds of the School until it is credited without interest to the final payment of the fees or other sums due to the School on your child's leaving.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - it deals with what you need to do if you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place **before** your child joins the School and what happens if you withdraw at that stage. The cancellation of a place which has been accepted can cause losses to the School, especially if it occurs after other families have taken their decisions about schooling for their children as it means we are less likely to fill the place. This is why we require the period of notice referred to here for a withdrawal, and why different consequences follow depending on whether we get that period of notice or not.

### 3. **Withdrawing your Acceptance of a Place before your child joins the School**

(a) The period of notice we require. **If you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place AFTER submitting the Acceptance Form and paying the deposit but BEFORE your child starts at the School you must give us written notice before the first day of the term immediately preceding the term in which your child was due to start.** This means that if, for example, your child is due to start at the School in September at the start of an academic year then you would need to tell us in writing that you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place on or before the first day of the preceding summer term (i.e., the final term of the previous academic year).

(b) If we receive that period of notice. **If you provide that period of notice, you will lose the deposit (subject to repayment under Clause 2(b) above if the resulting vacancy is filled by the School) but no further fees will be payable.** This means that the School will retain the deposit and not refund it to you unless and until the vacancy created by the withdrawal of your child has been filled (and, if it is to be refunded, then an amount will be deducted from the deposit to cover the School's costs in administering your dealings with the School or a reasonable estimate of those costs). In any event, in such circumstances you are not required to pay any further fees or other amounts to the School.

(c) If we do not receive that period of notice. **If you do not provide us with notice before the first day of the term immediately preceding the term in which your child was due to start (or if no notice is provided at all) a term's fees shall be payable by you and shall become due and owing to the School as a debt. The term's fees shall be charged at the rate applicable for the term immediately preceding the term when your child was due to start. The School shall credit the deposit you have paid (without interest) to the payment of the term's fees you will owe us (and you hereby acknowledge and agree that the School shall be entitled to retain the deposit on account of payment of the term's fees). Where applicable, such fees shall be reduced to take account of any scholarship or bursary awarded to you.**

### 4. **School Fees, Supplemental Charges and Payment**

(a) What the fees include. All the costs incurred in the usual course of the education by the School of your child, including the provision of any necessary educational materials shall be met by the fees unless otherwise notified to you by the School at any time (either in the Schedule of Fees or otherwise).

(b) What the fees do not include: supplemental charges. We refer to any items charged to you that are supplemental to the fees (that is, items that are payable by you to the School in addition to the fees) as **supplemental charges**. By way of example, any extra-curricular activities (such as private music lessons, some after school activities, trips and visits) in which you agree in advance your child may participate will be supplemental to items met by the fees and charged for accordingly. In addition, all public examination charges shall be charged as supplemental to the fees. Additional charges incurred by the School in providing for the special educational needs of your child may also be charged as supplemental to the fees.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - it deals with your responsibility to pay the fees and supplemental charges.

(c) (i) Who is responsible for ensuring payment. **Each of you who has signed the Acceptance Form is liable for and must ensure that the whole of the fees and supplemental charges due are paid to the School. This is because our contract applies to both of you together and each of you on your own.** Each of you remains liable to the School for all of the fees and supplemental charges due UNLESS AND UNTIL the School has expressly agreed in writing with each of you to look exclusively to any other person for payment of the fees and/or any supplemental charges. *Each person who signs the Acceptance Form has an individual responsibility to ensure that, between them, the fees and supplemental charges owing to the School are paid. In practice what this means is that if fees or supplemental charges have not been paid to the School then, in order to recover the outstanding payments, the School can seek payment of the full amount outstanding from either parent.*

(ii) How can one person remove him/herself from their payment responsibility. **A person who has signed the Acceptance Form may withdraw from this contract with the School by submitting a term's notice AND PROVIDED THAT they have obtained the prior written consent of both the School and the other person who has signed the Acceptance Form.**

(iii) *How bursary etc awards are treated.* If your child has been awarded a scholarship/bursary, your responsibility will be to pay for the amount of fees due after taking account of that award. **An award may be withdrawn in accordance with (or by reference to) the terms upon which such award is made and/or if, in the opinion of the Head, your child's attendance, progress and/or behaviour no longer merit the continuation of the award. Any such withdrawal of an award will not operate so as to increase the fees due in respect of a term which has already commenced.** Where it appears likely to the Head that, for academic reasons, an award may be withdrawn from your child, you shall be notified in advance. If within fourteen (14) days following the withdrawal of a scholarship or bursary your child is withdrawn from the School, no fees in lieu of notice will be payable by you.

(d) *How the fees are charged and payment requirements.* **Each term's fees are charged separately and the fees payable in respect of each term fall due for payment by you on the first day of that term.** Each term's fees will be included in an invoice sent to you (or such other person(s) the School may have agreed separately shall pay the fees under Clause 4(c)(i) above). The fees must be paid in full on or before the first day of the term to which the invoice relates. **We may not allow your child to attend the School if you do not pay on time.**

The School's preferred method of payment is by Direct Debit and a Direct Debit instruction in favour of the School should be signed at least a month prior to the start of the pupil's first term.

The School may agree that the fees that are or will fall due in relation to any term can be paid in instalments. If the School does agree to do this in relation to any term's fees then the School and those responsible for paying those fees will agree separately in writing the amount of each term's fees that is to be deferred and the anticipated schedule of instalments by which the deferred amount is to be paid. In such circumstances, the agreed amount for each term is to be paid by direct debit in not more than three instalments (unless otherwise agreed in writing by the School) within a period that does not exceed twelve (12) months beginning with the date of the relevant invoice. The School shall issue a separate invoice and schedule of instalments relating to the fees due in respect of each term, which shall be evidence of the separate agreement for the payment of that term's fees.

(e) *Payment of supplemental charges.* All supplemental charges for each term (and for other unpaid supplemental charges that were agreed during the previous term) will be invoiced separately and such invoice shall be sent to you before the start of the next term. **All such supplemental charges must be paid in full either by cheque, debit card or direct bank transfer on or before the first day of the then forthcoming term.** Supplemental charges for private lessons by peripatetic self-employed teachers (e.g. music) will be invoiced separately by the teacher concerned and will be payable direct to them.

PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY- *it sets out what rights we have, and what action the School may take, if fees and/or supplemental charges are not paid in accordance with these terms and conditions.*

(f) (i) *Non-payment of fees: refusal to attend school.* **We reserve the right to refuse to allow your child to attend the School or to withhold any references while fees remain unpaid or there is a persistent failure by you to pay the fees on time.**

(ii) *Non-payment of supplemental charges: refusal to participate in the relevant activity.* **We reserve the right to refuse to allow your child to participate in the relevant extra-curricular activity, or sit the relevant public examination(s), while the applicable supplemental charge for that activity or examination(s) remains unpaid.**

(iii) *We can charge interest if you pay late.* If you do not make any payment to the School by the due date for payment (see Clauses 4(d) and 4(e) above) we may charge interest to you on the overdue amount at the rate of 1.5 per cent per month. Unless we tell you otherwise in writing, this interest shall accrue on a daily basis from the due date until the date of actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after we obtain a court judgment against you. **You must pay the School the interest together with the overdue amount.**

(iv) *We can recover our costs for recovering late or non-payments.* Unless we expressly agree otherwise in writing with you, you will be responsible for paying the costs we incur in recovering, or attempting to recover, any unpaid fees or supplemental charges from you (including reasonable legal costs, and in any event being such costs that would be allowable by the courts if judgment was made in the School's favour).

(v) *We can notify other educational institutions of your outstanding payments.* You consent to our informing any other school or educational establishment to which you propose to send your child of any outstanding fees or supplemental charges.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY-** it sets our right to increase the fees during the course of your child's time at the School.

(g) *Our ability to increase the fees.* We will review our fees during the course of your child's education (usually annually) and may increase them. We shall try to give at least a term's notice of any increase and will always give you notice of any such increase not later than the final day of the preceding term. If we give you notice of an increase in fees, you will be entitled to withdraw your child from the start of the following term without giving a term's notice or paying fees in lieu of notice PROVIDED THAT you give the School notice in writing of the withdrawal within twenty-one (21) days from the date when notice of the increase in fees is given. In these circumstances, therefore, you will be able to withdraw your child without being responsible for fees for the next term.

(h) *Fees and supplemental charges will not be reduced due to your child's absence.* Fees and any agreed supplemental charges will not normally be reduced or refunded as a result of absence due to illness or otherwise.

(i) At the discretion of the School's governing body the School may from time to time operate a Fees in Advance scheme. Such schemes will operate under their own Terms and Conditions and will form part of the contract with the School. Without limiting the effect of the foregoing provisions of this Clause 4, where you and the School have entered into an agreement incorporating the Fees in Advance Terms and Conditions such that you have made a capital payment in respect of all or part of the fees due under this agreement, the School will administer such capital sum to meet the fees. Provided that you shall meet the difference between the amount per term applied by the School under the Fees in Advance Terms and Conditions and the total fees [and supplemental charges] due in respect of your child each term under this agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the School shall provide a termly statement of account in respect of the fees and supplemental charges and the difference shall be payable in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY-** it sets out what period of notice we require from you if you wish to (i) withdraw your child from the School, (ii) change the nature of your child's place at the School, or (iii) remove them from participating in an activity for which there is a supplemental charge.

*Due to the termly organisation and allocation of resources we will charge you if you do not provide us with the required period of notice to cover the School's losses. In such circumstances we require you to pay us a sum equivalent to the fees and/or supplemental charges you would have paid had the required period of notice been given - we refer to the relevant sum as "fees in lieu of notice".*

## 5. Notice Requirements

(a) *Notice to withdraw your child from the School.* If you wish to withdraw your child from the School (other than at the normal leaving date), you shall either give a term's notice to that effect or shall pay to the School a term's fees in lieu of notice, at such rate as would have been charged for the final term of provision if a term's notice had been given. This means that if, for example, you wish to withdraw your child with effect from the start of the autumn term (i.e., at the start of an academic year) then you would need to tell us in writing that you wish to withdraw your child on or before the first day of the preceding summer term (i.e., the final term of the preceding academic year).

(b) *Notice to withdraw your child at the end of Nursery 2.* If you have previously signed through to join Reception and wish to withdraw your child from the School at the end of Nursery 2 you shall either give notice to that effect in writing to the Head not later than the first day of the Summer Term or shall pay to the School a term's fees in lieu of notice, at such rate as would have been charged for the final term of provision if such notice under this Clause had been given. In either case the provisions of Clause 2b will not apply and the deposit will not be refunded.

(c) *When the relevant amount in lieu of notice must be paid.* In cases under (a) or (b) above, the appropriate sum in lieu of notice will become payable by you to us as a debt on the first day of the term which would have been the final term of provision if a term's notice had been given.

(d) Notice to withdraw your child from participating in an activity covered by a supplemental charge. If you wish to withdraw your child from an activity charged for as supplemental, you shall either give a half-term's notice to that effect or shall pay to the School as a debt a half-term's charges for the activity in which your child has ceased to participate. For the benefit of doubt this notice requirement extends to private lessons (e.g. music) given by self-employed peripatetic teachers used by the School.

(e) Withdrawal part-way through a term does not reduce the amount you owe to the School. **The School's affairs are organised on a termly basis and it is not possible for you to reduce the amount of fees or supplemental charges due, or to obtain a refund of fees or supplemental charges, by withdrawing your child or by your child's ceasing to participate in an activity part-way through a term.**

## 6. Conduct in School

(a) It is a condition of remaining at the School that your child complies with any School Rules and Expectations in the School's Behaviour Policy as published from time to time. In particular you undertake to ensure that your child attends School punctually and that your child conforms to such rules of appearance, dress and behaviour as shall be issued by the School from time to time.

(b) The School may undertake drugs testing of pupils in accordance with any drugs policy which the School has in place from time to time. Any drugs policy is adopted with the aim of safeguarding the health and safety of pupils.

(c) The School reserves the right, subject to applicable data protection legislation, to monitor your child's email communication and internet use for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the School's IT Policy.

## 7. Suspension, Exclusion and Required Removal

(a) The Head's discretion to suspend or exclude your child from the School is final. The Head may in his or her discretion suspend or, in serious or persistent cases, permanently exclude your child from the School if the Head considers that your child's conduct or behaviour (including behaviour or conduct outside school) is unsatisfactory and the suspension or exclusion is in the School's best interests or those of your child or other children.

(b) Where you can find examples of offences punishable by suspension or exclusion. The School's Behaviour Policy set out examples of offences likely to be punishable by suspension or exclusion. These examples are not exhaustive and the Head may decide at their sole discretion that suspension or exclusion for a lesser offence is justified where there has been previous misbehaviour. All aspects of your child's record at the School may be taken into account

(c) The Head's discretion to remove your child from the School. The Head may in his or her discretion require the removal of your child from the School if the Head considers that:

(i) your behaviour or conduct (or the behaviour or conduct of one of you): is unreasonable; and/or adversely affects (or is likely to adversely affect) your child's or other children's progress at the School, or the wellbeing of School staff; and/or brings (or is likely to bring) the School into disrepute; and/or is not in accordance with your obligations under this contract or because we have a legal right to end the contract because of something you have done wrong;

(ii) your behaviour represents a refusal to abide by a bona fide decision of the School or otherwise constitutes a breach of the mutual duty of trust and confidence that must exist between you and the School, the Head and the staff:

(iii) your child's attendance or progress is unsatisfactory and, in the reasonable opinion of the Head, the removal is in the School's best interests and/or those of your child or other children.

(d) What happens if your child is suspended, excluded or removed from the School. Should the Head exercise his or her right under either Clause 7(a) or Clause 7(c)(i) above you will not be entitled to any refund or remission of fees or supplemental charges due (whether paid or payable). Also, where your child is permanently excluded or you are required to remove your child from the School the deposit will be forfeited meaning that the School will

retain the deposit. If your child is permanently excluded from the School fees in lieu of notice will **not** be payable and any prepaid fees and/or supplemental charges for the period after the exclusion will be refunded. If you are required to remove your child from the School as a result of the Head exercising his or her discretion under Clause 7(c)(ii) then fees in lieu of notice will not be payable and any prepaid fees and/or supplemental charges for the period after the removal (including, if applicable, the deposit held by the School) will be refunded.

(e) Your right to have disciplinary matters or decisions reviewed. You are entitled to have any serious disciplinary matters or decisions taken by the School and/or Head under this Clause 7 reviewed. Any such review shall be governed by the Complaints Procedure.

## 8. The School's Obligations

(a) The period of your child's schooling. Subject to these terms and conditions, the School will accept your child as a pupil of the School from the time of joining the School until the end of his or her preparatory schooling at Year 8 13+.

(b) The scope of our duty to exercise reasonable skill and care for your child's education and welfare. While your child remains a pupil of the School, we will exercise reasonable skill and care in respect of his or her education and welfare. This obligation will apply during school hours and at other times when your child is permitted to be on School premises or is participating in activities organised by the School. **We cannot accept any responsibility for the welfare of your child while off the School premises unless he or she is taking part in a school activity or otherwise under the supervision of a member of School staff.** The School shall adhere to and comply with the *National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools* (applicable from time to time) published under the Children Act 1989 (as amended or superseded). Whilst we will always listen to your concerns about any decision of the School concerning your child's selection for roles in fields such as sport, drama and positions of responsibility within the School, these decisions should be respected and accepted by you provided that they have been taken by us in good faith and relying on our professional educational skills and experience of these matters.

(c) Consent to participation in contact sports and similar activities. Unless you notify us to the contrary, you consent to your child participating, under supervision, in contact sports and in other normal sports and activities which may entail some risk of physical injury.

(d) What happens if your child needs urgent medical attention. If your child requires urgent medical attention while under the School's care, we will if practicable attempt to obtain your prior consent. **However, if it is not practicable to contact you we will make the decision on your behalf if, for example, consent is required for urgent treatment recommended by a doctor or other medical practitioner (including anaesthetic or operation, or blood transfusion (unless you have previously notified us in writing that you object to blood transfusions)).**

(e) Our right to make changes at the School. Our prospectus describes the broad principles on which the School is presently run. However, from time to time it may be necessary to make changes to any aspects of the School, including the curriculum or the manner of providing education for your child (including by providing such education remotely (whilst your child remains at home, for example, where the School is required to close the School premises)).

(f) We will give you notice of significant changes. We will give you notice of any changes that we regard as significant to your child's education prior to the end of the penultimate term before the change is to take effect. This includes any change to School Fees. This will allow you time to consider the proposed change and, if you wish to withdraw your child from the School before the proposed change is set to take effect, then you have sufficient time to provide the required term's notice of withdrawal to the School under Clause 5(a) above.

(g) Monitoring your child's progress at the School. We shall monitor your child's progress at the School and produce regular written reports. **We shall advise you if we have any concern about your child's progress but we do not undertake to diagnose dyslexia or other conditions.** A formal assessment can be arranged either by you or by the School at your expense. **You may be asked to withdraw your child without being charged fees in lieu of notice if in the opinion of the Head the School cannot provide adequately for your child's special educational needs.**

(h) Religious observance. Religious observance at the School shall be conducted in accordance with the School's Behaviour Policy.

## 9. The Parents' Obligations

(a) We require your co-operation. In order to fulfil our obligations under this contract and to maintain a constructive and good faith relationship with you, we, the Head and School staff need your co-operation, including in particular by you fulfilling your own obligations under this contract. The Head will determine in their sole discretion whether our obligations under this contract have been complied with.

(b) Examples of the co-operation and assistance we require. You shall co-operate with the School and School staff in good faith, and including in particular by:

(i) maintaining a constructive relationship with School staff (including in instances where the School is exercising its rights and performing its obligations under this contract);

(ii) encouraging your child in his or her studies, and giving appropriate support at home;

(iii) keeping the School up-to-date and informed of matters which affect or may affect your child (including circumstances which arise at any time that affect or may affect your ability to pay the fees and supplemental charges for your child);

(iv) ensuring that all details or other information notified or otherwise disclosed to the School about you and/or your child are accurate, truthful and not misleading and that relevant details and information (or changes to it) are not withheld;

(v) accepting disciplinary, operational and other decisions, which are made by the School in good faith and having regard to its professional skills and experience, as well as its understanding of the requirements of the School and all of its pupils and staff, subject always to your right to raise concerns in accordance with the School's Complaints Procedure;

(vi) providing cooperation and assistance to the School so that your child can participate and benefit from the School's provision of education (including where the School may wish/need to provide such education remotely); and

(vii) attending meetings and keeping in touch with the School where your child's interests so require.

(c) You must notify us of your child's health/medical conditions or special educational needs. It is a condition of your child's joining the School that you complete and submit to the School a medical questionnaire in respect of your child. You must inform the School of any health or medical condition, special educational need(s), disability or allergy that your child has or subsequently develops, whether long-term or short-term, including any infections. You must also provide us, whether upon further request by the School or otherwise, any reports or other materials relevant to any of the same.

(d) Circumstances where we may require you to keep your child away from School. If the School so requires due to a health risk either presented by your child to others or presented to your child by others or by reason of a virus, pandemic, epidemic or other health risk, you undertake to keep your child at home and not permit him/her to return to the School until such time as the health risk has passed. Where it is considered appropriate in such circumstances we will try to continue providing education to your child remotely during such period (including, for example, by sending you/your child work assignments electronically or by post).

(e) You must notify us of any special arrangements needed for your child. You must inform the School of any situations where special arrangements may be needed in relation to your child, including in relation to their education or welfare.

(f) You must notify us of any court orders that relate to, or that may impact upon, the provision of education to your child; and provide us with copies of them. You must inform the School if, at any time prior to or during your child's time at the School, a court order is put in place or an undertaking is given to a court in respect of (or relating to) your child's attendance at the School (including its premises) and/or the School's provision of education to your child. These would include any court order or undertaking given to a court which may deal with or impact upon in any way: (i) your child's living and/or contact arrangements; (ii) your child's education, welfare and/or upbringing; and/or (iii) the payment of fees and/or supplemental charges. In any such circumstances you shall (whether upon

request or otherwise) promptly provide the School with copies of the relevant court order(s) or undertaking(s) (or the relevant parts thereof).

**(g) We require you to nominate a 'responsible adult' for us to contact in your absence. It is also a condition of your child's joining the School that, where required (such requirement being made known to you by the School prior to your child joining the School), you must notify the Head in writing immediately.** Amongst other things we require you to nominate a 'responsible adult' for your child who will be delegated the authority by you to make decisions relating to your child if the School is not able to contact you [4].

**(h) We are entitled to expect that parents have consulted with each other regarding decisions relating to your child.** You (and each of you as the holders of parental responsibility for your child) acknowledge and agree that, prior to and during your child's time at the School, the School is entitled to assume that you have consulted with each other so far as decisions regarding your child are concerned. Accordingly, except under Clause 9(i) below, you (and each of you) accept that the School is entitled to treat:

(i) any instruction, authority, request or prohibition received from one of you as having been given on behalf of both of you; and

(ii) any communication from the School to one of you as having been given to both of you.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - it sets out who needs to sign a notice of withdrawal of your child.

**(i) We are entitled to require that notices of withdrawal must be signed by both parents. A notice of withdrawal of your child served under this contract must be in writing and signed by each of you as the holders of parental responsibility for your child (and the School shall be entitled not to accept such notice unless and until all holders of parental responsibility for the child have signed such notice).**

**(j) You must notify us of your child's absence from School.** The Head must be informed in writing of any reason for your child's absence from School. Wherever possible the School's prior consent should be sought for absence from the School.

**(k) Parents must notify us if they will be absent for a period of time.** If at any time during your child's time at the School you (or either of you) will not be in the United Kingdom at any time or will otherwise be absent from your main residential address for a period of longer than three (3) consecutive school days then you must inform the School in writing and provide the details required by the School as a result, including the name and contact details for a 'responsible adult' for the period of your absence.

**(l) Raising concerns with the School and making formal complaints.** If you have cause for concern as to a matter of safety, care, discipline or progress of your child you must inform the School without undue delay. Complaints should be made in accordance with the Complaints Procedure. A copy of the most up-to-date version of the Complaints Procedure is available via the School website or from the School at any time upon request.

## **10. Insurance**

**Your responsibility to make your own insurance arrangements.** You must make your own insurance arrangements if you require cover for your child or their property while at School or for the payment of fees due to absence of your child or closure of the School premises. Your child is included in the School's personal accident insurance scheme unless you decide to opt out, the charge for which is included in the fees. From September 2016 your child will be included in an obligatory personal accident insurance scheme, the charge for which is included in the fees.

## **11. How we may use Personal Information: References, Confidentiality and Data Protection**

**(a) Your consent to us providing a reference for your child.** You consent to our supplying information and a reference in respect of your child to any educational institution which you propose your child may attend. Any

reference supplied by us shall be confidential. We will take care to ensure that all information that is supplied relating to your child is accurate and any opinion given on his/her ability, aptitude for certain courses and character is fair. However, we cannot be responsible for any loss you or your child is alleged to have suffered resulting from opinions reasonably given, or correct statements of fact contained, in any reference or report given by us.

(b) Your consent to us using information relating to your child for certain purposes connected with the running of the School. You consent to us making use of information relating to your child (including photographs and video recordings), and (where appropriate) relating to you, whilst your child is at the School and after he or she has left for the purposes of:

(i) managing relationships between the School and current pupils/parents and fulfilling our obligations under the contract with you;

(ii) promoting the School to prospective pupils/parents;

(iii) publicising the School's activities; and

(iv) communicating with the school community and the body of former pupils (the Old Great Walsteadonians).

In respect of (ii), (iii) and (iv), this includes use of such information by the School in/on the School's prospectus (in whatever format or medium it is produced/made available), the School's website(s) and (where appropriate) the School's social media channels.

(c) You are required to update us of changes to information held, or in circumstances relating to, you and/or your child. You must:

(i) confirm (or update, if necessary), when requested, such information about you and/or your child that is held by the School; and

(ii) inform the School of any change to you or your child's circumstances (including, where applicable, in connection with your child's entitlement to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom), or to information about (or relating to) you or your child that has previously been notified to the School, including relevant contact details.

(d) We will send information (e.g., school reports) about your child to both of you as a matter of course. You agree that those persons who have parental responsibility for your child are entitled to receive certain information about your child from the School (including school reports, correspondence and other materials relating to his or her progress, development and/or education generally). The School shall therefore disclose such information as a matter of routine to such persons UNLESS the School is restricted from doing so by a court order (or similar direction) or by any other legal requirement or obligation (for example, under the Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended or superseded)).

(e) The Data Protection Act 1998 and your consent to our processing of your/your child's personal data. The School will process personal data about you and your child in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended or superseded). You consent to us processing such personal data:

(i) as set out in this Clause 11, and in the School's 'Data Protection Notice' which is available on the School's website as may be amended from time to time;

(ii) in order to comply with any court order or legal, regulatory or good practice requirement; and

(iii) to perform our obligations under this contract, and where otherwise reasonably necessary for the school's purposes.

## 12. Intellectual Property Rights

Recognising these rights. We shall recognise any intellectual property rights created, generated or owned by or vested in your child.

## 13. Changes in Ownership, etc.

The circumstances in which we may transfer this contract to someone else. For the purposes of constitutional changes to the School (including changes to the legal entity that owns and runs the School) or amalgamation of the School with another we may transfer the undertaking of the School to another person or organisation. We will notify you to let you know if we plan to do this and we will ensure that the transfer will not affect your rights under this contract. We may transfer our rights and obligations under this contract in connection with any such transfer and/or amalgamation.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - it sets out the rights we have, and that you have, to cancel this contract early (that is, before the normal leaving date for the end of your child's schooling).

## 14. Cancellation of this Contract

- (a) Statutory cancellation rights - ordinarily you would have a right to cancel the Contract and receive a full refund of monies paid for services not yet received within the period of 14 days beginning on the day following the date on which the Contract is concluded ("Cancellation Period"). However, because of the nature of the services, you expressly agree and acknowledge that where your child starts at the school within the Cancellation Period, your rights to cancel are lost.
- (b) Your rights to end the contract. You may end this contract at any time by provision of 7 days' notice in writing to the School if:
- (i) you have a legal right to end the contract because of something we have done wrong; or
  - (ii) the School becomes insolvent or goes into liquidation or receivership or administrative receivership or is wound-up for any reason.
- (c) Our rights to end the contract. The School may end this contract at any time with immediate effect, upon written notice to you without any obligation to return any deposit or fees paid to you, if:
- (i) you do not make a payment to us when it is due and you still do not make payment within fourteen (14) days of us reminding you that such payment is due;
  - (ii) your child is expelled from the School;
  - (iii) you are required to remove your child from the School, including circumstances where you (as opposed to your child) act in such a way as to give the Head cause to require you to remove your child from the School under Clause 7(c)(i) of this contract;
- (d) The School may end this contract at any time by provision of 7 days' notice in writing to you, without any obligation to return any deposit or fees paid to you, if:
- (i) you (or either of you) make a serious misrepresentation of facts or circumstances to us, or you (or either of you) withhold important information from us, about you and/or your child or that is relevant to the provision of education by the School to your child (such as misrepresenting at any point in time (and whether by act, omission or withholding of information on your part) that you and/or your child is legally entitled to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom when in fact you/your child is not);
  - (ii) you fail or refuse to complete and submit to the School a medical questionnaire in respect of your child and/or you fail or refuse to notify us of parental absence;

- (iii) you (or either of you):
  - a. are unable, following our request, to demonstrate that you will be able to pay the fees and supplemental charges due under this contract;
  - b. are otherwise unable to pay your debts as they fall due;
  - c. are the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; or
  - d. you enter into an individual voluntary arrangement; or
- (iv) you otherwise do not comply with (i.e., you breach) your obligations under this contract such that we have a legal right to end the contract because of something you have done wrong or, in the Head's reasonable discretion, the School is not able to provide, or is compromised in providing, the educational services it needs to in satisfaction of its obligations under this contract.
- (e) When this contract will end if not terminated early. For the avoidance of doubt, this contract shall end at the end of your child's schooling.
- (f) Ending the contract will not affect any accrued rights. Once this contract ends, it will not affect any legal rights or obligations that either you or we have that may already have arisen. After this contract ends, you and we will keep any rights we have under general law.

## 15. Events outside of our, or your, control

- (a) What we mean by an "event outside of our/your control". We mean any event beyond either your or our reasonable control including, by way of example and for the avoidance of doubt, acts of God, war, riot, civil commotion, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction (including that of a local authority), accident, fire, flood, storm, pandemic or epidemic of any disease, terrorist attack, chemical or biological contamination. In the remainder of this Clause 15 we shall refer to these as an "event".
- (b) What happens if we are affected by an event outside of our control. If an event beyond our control arises which prevents or delays the School's performance of any of its obligations under this contract, the School shall give you notice in writing specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to the event. Provided that the School has acted reasonably and prudently to prevent and/or minimise the effect of the event [and subject to Clause 15(c)], the School will not be responsible for not performing those of our obligations which are prevented or delayed by, and during the continuance of, the event. To the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances the School shall try during the continuance of the event to continue to provide educational services (including by providing appropriate educational services remotely).
- (c) Circumstances in which we may refund fees to you. If the School is wholly unable to perform its obligations under this contract for a continuous period of more than fourteen (14) consecutive days, you shall not be required to pay the fees for the period of the term affected, prorated proportionately. Accordingly, and as the case may be, if the fees for the period of the term affected:
  - (i) have already been paid, then you will be refunded such proportion of the fees; or
  - (ii) have not been paid because the period of the term affected includes the first day of the term (and fees only became due on the first day of the term) then you shall not be required to pay such proportion of the fees.

If (ii) above applies, then the balance of the fees for the term affected shall be paid by you to the School on the date when the School resumes performance of its obligations under this contract.
- (d) Events lasting more than 6 months. If the School is prevented from performing all of its obligations as a result of an event for a continuous period of more than six (6) months, the School shall notify you of the steps it plans to take to ensure performance of the contract after such period and you shall then, following receipt of such notice, be entitled to end this contract on written notice to the School and without giving a term's notice or paying fees in lieu of notice.

(e) What happens if your child is affected by an event outside of your control. Subject to Clause 4(h), if your child is physically unable to attend (or is likely not to be physically able to attend) the School due to reasons caused by an event you shall give the School notice in writing of such circumstances and the following provisions shall apply:

(i) in consultation and cooperation with the School you shall do everything you reasonably can to minimise the impact of the event in order to continue to perform your obligations under this contract in any way that is reasonably practicable in the circumstances; and resume the performance of the obligations as soon as reasonably possible;

(ii) in circumstances where, following the efforts made and steps taken under (i) above, your child is not able to participate and benefit from any level of provision of education by the School then you shall not be responsible for failing to perform your obligations (including the obligation to pay fees, pro-rated accordingly) during the continuance of the event; and

(iii) if the event continues to prevent your child from attending the School or being able to participate and benefit from any level of provision of education by the School for more than six (6) months you shall discuss with the School a solution by which this contract may be performed and, following such discussions, you shall be entitled to cancel the contract on written notice to the School and without giving a term's notice or paying a term's fees in lieu of notice.

## 16. Communications between you and the School

(a) Notices must be in writing. When this contract requires you or the School to give notice of something to the other then, unless we agree otherwise, this should be done in writing.

(b) We will use the contact details held by the School to contact you. Communications (including notices) will be sent by the School to you at the address(es) shown in our records, or using your other contact details included in our records. **You must notify the School of any change of address(es) or other contact details.**

(c) How to provide written notice to the School. Notices that you are required to give under these terms and conditions must be **in writing** addressed to the Head and either:

- (i) delivered by hand to the School;
- (ii) sent to the School by recorded or other form of registered post requiring a signature upon receipt as proof of delivery; or
- (iii) otherwise sent to the School's address by first or second class post.

**In light of the importance under this contract of serving certain notices [\[5\]](#) on or before a particular deadline (and the consequences that follow if you do not do so) we recommend that notices you may wish to send are sent to the School by recorded or other form of registered post requiring a signature upon receipt as proof of delivery. Unless we agree otherwise in writing, you should not provide any of these notices by email.**

## 17. Copyright

The School reserves sole copyright in any literary, musical, dramatic or artistic work created by the School or by a child for a purpose associated with the artistic and cultural life of the School but will otherwise acknowledge the right of the child to assert copyright in work of which the child is sole author.

## 18. The Law that applies to this contract and where legal proceedings may be brought

(a) The law that applies to this contract. The contract between you and the School is governed by English Law

and either you or the School must bring legal proceedings in respect of this contract in the English courts.

(b) *Rights in relation to the enforcement of this contract.* If we choose not to enforce any part of this contract, or delay enforcing it, this will not affect our right to enforce the same part later (or on a separate occasion) or the rest of this contract. And, if we cannot enforce any part of this contract, this will not affect our right to enforce the rest of this contract.

## 19. Changes to these Terms and Conditions

*Reserving the right to change these terms and conditions.* We reserve the right to change or add to these terms and conditions from time to time for legal, safety or other substantive reasons or in order to assist the proper delivery of education at the School. The School will send you notice of any such modifications prior to the end of the penultimate term before the modifications are to take effect.

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[1] *Parental responsibility is defined in the Children Act 1989 as "all the rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority which by law a parent of a child has in relation to the child and his or her property". It equates to legal responsibility for the child. If you have any doubts about whether you do or do not have parental responsibility for the child you may wish to seek legal advice.*

[2] *So if, for example, a term's notice is required to withdraw your child from the School with effect from the start of the Summer term (which is the term to which the notice relates) then a term's notice means you need to tell us in writing about the withdrawal, at the latest, on the first day of the Spring term immediately before.*

[3] *You should be aware that in the event of a late withdrawal it is very unlikely that the School would be able to find a replacement.*

[4] *This process is intended to identify someone with whom appropriate arrangements for pupils can be made, and taking decisions in respect of them, where those with parental responsibility for the child are based overseas or are otherwise absent for extended periods.*

[5] *i.e., those provisions dealing with **withdrawing** your child from the School or otherwise changing your child's place at the School or the activities that your child is undertaking at the School*

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