

# St Peter's School

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS



### 1. (a) Definitions

- In these terms and conditions “Acceptance Form” means the form provided by the School for parents to complete when accepting a place for their child at the School;
- “the Complaints Procedure” is the School’s procedure for the review of expressions of dissatisfaction about the school, as amended from time to time, a current copy of which is available on request from the School;
- “deposit” means the sum set out in the Schedule of Fees;
- “fees” means the fees set out in the Schedule of Fees as amended from time to time;
- “Head” means the person appointed by the Governors of the School to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the School, including anyone to whom such duties have been duly delegated;
- “School Policies” means the policies of the School, copies of the current versions are available on the School website, as those policies may be amended from time to time. Parents will be given notice of such amendments;
- “term” means a term of the School as notified to parents from time to time;
- “a term’s notice” means notice given not later than the first day of the term preceding the term to which the notice relates;
- “terms and conditions” means these terms and conditions as amended from time to time;
- “we” or the “School” means the legal entity carrying on as the School as identified in Clause 1(b) below, or its duly authorised representative, as the context requires;
- “you” or the “parents” means each person who has signed the Acceptance Form as parent or guardian of a child or which with the Schools written consent has subsequently assumed parental responsibility for such child.
- “Parents” includes parents, guardians, carers, step-parents, foster-parents.

(b) the Acceptance Form, the Schedule of Fees, the School Policies, the Complaints Procedure and these terms and conditions constitute the terms of a contract between you and Sunnylands Ltd./as St Peter’s 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) An offer of a place for your child at the School is accepted by completing the Acceptance Form and paying the deposit. This is payable for each sibling entering the school.
- (b) The deposit will be held on account and refunded at the end year 6 academic year, or sooner should you move out of the area and give the required notice.
- (c) Where a deposit is paid to secure a place in the Reception class, the deposit will be forfeited if the child does not commence in Reception Class.

### 3. School Fees

- (a) 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 by the School.
- (b) any extra-curricular activities such as private music lessons, trips and visits in which you agree your child may participate shall be deemed to be supplemental to items met by the fees and charged accordingly.
- (c) Each person who has signed the Registration Form is liable for the whole of the fees due and any supplemental charges. The persons who have signed the Registration Form remain liable to the School for the whole of the fees and supplemental charges due, unless the School has agreed in writing to look exclusively to any other person for payment of the fees or any part of them. (If your child has been awarded a scholarship or bursary, your liability will be for the amount of fees due after taking account of that award. An award may be withdrawn with immediate effect if, in the opinion of the Head, your child’s attendance, progress or behaviour no longer merits the continuation of the award, but 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.)
- (d) All fees must be paid promptly by the last working day before the start of each term as invoiced (which will be

sent in advance of each term). Any sums outstanding at the commencement of each term will incur an interest charge equal to 10% of the outstanding balance which shall be added to the sums due and shall be payable immediately. Should fees continue to be overdue, interest will be charged on all outstanding sums on a monthly basis at a rate of 5%, from the commencement of the second month after fees were due. Communication and correspondence regarding late fees will attract a charge of £30 for each communication after the first reminder has been issued. Returned Direct Debits will attract a fee of £50. Refund of overpayments will incur an administrative charge of £30. By separate written supplementary agreement, you may be permitted to meet the term's fees due by four equal monthly installments by direct debit subject to the terms of any such agreement.

(e) We reserve the right to refuse to allow your child to attend the School or to withhold any reference while fees or supplemental charges remain unpaid.

Your child will be deemed withdrawn without notice 28 days after exclusion, giving rise to a term's fees in lieu of notice in addition to current terms fees. You consent to us informing any other school or educational establishment to which you propose to send your child of any outstanding fees.

(f) The fees will be reviewed from time to time and may be increased by such amount as the School considers reasonable. We shall endeavour to give at least a term's notice of any increase in the fees due for a particular term and in any event shall 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 which exceeds 20% 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, provided that you give notice of the withdrawal within 21 days from the date when notice of the increase in fees is given).

(g) Fees and any prepaid supplemental charges will not normally be reduced as a result of absence due to illness or otherwise.

(h) The School reserves the right to engage with a debt recovery agency to recover any fees and charges owed. Any fees and charges incurred will be added to the outstanding debt.

#### **4. Notice Requirements**

(a) If you wish to:

(i) withdraw your child from the School (other than at the normal leaving date); or

(ii) withdraw your child from an activity charged for as supplemental;

You shall either give a full term's notice to that effect or shall pay to the School a full term's fees, or, as the case may be, a term's charges for the activity that your child has ceased to participate in, 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. In cases where notice is not given, the appropriate sum in lieu of notice will become due and owing to the School 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.

For the avoidance of doubt a full term's notice must be given before the beginning of the term at the end of which the child will be withdrawn, otherwise the following term's fees will be due.

Notice should be in writing. It will be acknowledged by the School within five working days of its receipt. If the School's acknowledgement is not received by you then you should assume that your letter has not been received. It is therefore advisable that you phone the School to confirm receipt of notice.

(b) You acknowledge that the School's affairs are organised on a termly basis and that it is not possible for you to reduce the amount of fees due or to obtain a refund of fees by withdrawing your child or by your child's ceasing to participate in an activity part-way through a term.

#### **5. School Policies**

(a) Parents who have cause for serious concern as to a matter of safety, care or quality of education must inform the Head without delay.

(b) It is a condition of remaining at the School that your child complies with the School Policies as amended from time to time. (In particular you undertake to ensure that your child attends School punctually and that your child conforms to such policies of appearance, dress and behaviour as shall be issued by the School from time to time.)

(c) the School reserves the right to monitor your child's email communication and internet use for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the School Policies.

## **6. Disciplinary Procedures**

(a) The Head may in his/her discretion require you to remove or may suspend or expel your child from the School if he/she considers that your child's attendance, progress or behaviour (including behaviour outside school) is seriously unsatisfactory and in the reasonable opinion of the Head the removal is in the School's best interests or those of your child or other children.

(b) The Head may in his/her discretion require you to remove or may suspend or expel your child if the behaviour of you or either of you is in the opinion of the Head unreasonable and affects or is likely to affect adversely the child's or other children's progress at the School or the well-being of School staff or to bring the School into disrepute.

(c) Should the Head exercise his/her right under sub-clause 6(a) or 6(b) above, you will not be entitled to any refund or remission of fees or supplemental charges. However, in such circumstances, fees in lieu of notice will not be payable.

(d) The School Policies set out examples of offences likely to be punishable by suspension or expulsion. These examples are not exhaustive, and in particular the Head may decide that suspension or expulsion for a lesser offence is justified where there has been previous misbehaviour. All aspects of the pupil's record at the School may be taken into account.

(e) The review of serious disciplinary matters is governed by the Complaints Procedure.

## **7. The School's Obligations**

(a) Subject to these terms and conditions, the School undertakes to 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.

(b) While your child remains a pupil of the School, we undertake to 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.

(c) In order to fulfill our obligations, we need your cooperation, in particular by: fulfilling your own obligations under these terms and conditions; encouraging your child in his or her studies, and giving appropriate support at home; keeping the School informed of matters which affect your child; maintaining a courteous and constructive relationship with School staff; and attending meetings and otherwise keeping in touch with the School where your child's interests so require.

(d) We undertake not to subject your child to corporal punishment, or to physical contact except where such contact may be deemed appropriate for the maintenance of good order, your child's safety or otherwise. Unless you notify us to the contrary, you consent to your child participating, under proper supervision, in contact sports and in other normal sports and activities which may entail some risk of physical injury.

(e) If your child requires urgent medical attention while under the School's care, we will if practicable attempt to obtain your prior consent. However, should we be unable to contact you we shall be authorised to make the decision on your behalf should consent be required for urgent treatment (including anaesthetic or operation) recommended by a doctor.

(f) Although our prospectus describes the broad principles on which the School is presently run and is believed to be correct at the time of printing, it does not form part of the contract between you and the School. We reserve the right to make changes to any aspects of the School, including the curriculum. We will give parents a term's notice of changes in the curriculum that we regard as significant to your child and where practicable will consult with parents on such changes.

(g) 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. If the School considers a dyslexia or other educational assessment necessary, this 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 at the School shall be conducted in accordance with the School Policies.

(i) The school will make reasonable efforts to accommodate pupils who have specific dietary requirements. However

the School cannot make any guarantees in respect of such requirements and cannot control and/or monitor the food intake of any individual pupil.

## **8. The Parents obligations**

8.1 You undertake to pay to the School all fees and supplemental fees and charges in full when they are due. Parents make a commitment to supporting the school. Any breach of your parental obligations under these Terms and Conditions may result in the school terminating your child's place upon giving 21 days notice in writing. Parents must not engage in activity (whether by themselves or by others) which is likely to cause nuisance, harassment or alarm to anyone connected with the school whether parents, teacher, child or otherwise, and must not engage in activity likely to harm the reputation of the school.

8.2 In addition,

(a) It is a condition of your child joining the School that you complete and submit to the School a medical questionnaire in respect of your child. You undertake to inform the School of any health or medical condition, disability or allergy that your child has or subsequently develops, whether long term or short term, including any infections.

(b) You undertake to inform the School of any situations where special arrangements may be needed in relation to your child

(c) The School will be entitled (unless notified otherwise) to treat any communication from any person who has signed the Acceptance Form as having been given on behalf of each such person. Unless other arrangements are agreed between you and the School we shall be entitled to treat any communication from the School to any such person as having been made to each of them.

(d) 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.

(e) We cannot accept any responsibility for the welfare of your child while off the School premises unless he/she is taking part in a school activity or otherwise under the supervision of a member of the School staff.

(f) 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 delay.

## **9. Insurance**

Pupils are responsible for the security and safe use of all personal property. Parents are responsible for ensuring that all such property is clearly marked with the owner's name.

You must make your own insurance arrangements if you require cover for your child's person or property while at School. Your child is included in a personal accident insurance scheme, the charge for which is included in the Fees.

## **10. Confidentiality and References**

(a) 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 liable for any loss you or your child is alleged to have suffered resulting from a reference or report given by us.

(b) You consent to us making use of information relating to your child whilst he or she is at the School and after he or she has left for the purposes of communicating and managing relationships with pupils and former pupils of the School.

(c) You acknowledge and accept the contents and terms of our Data Protection Notice available on our website.

## **11. Intellectual Property Rights**

We shall recognise any intellectual property rights vested in your child.

## **12. Changes in Ownership etc.**

For the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation we reserve the right to transfer the undertaking of the School to any other natural or legal person, and to assign the benefit of this contract in connection with any such transfer, and/or to amalgamate the School with any other educational institution.

**13. Communications**

All notices required to be given under these terms and conditions must be given in writing. You undertake to notify the School of any change of address of any person who has signed the Acceptance Form. Communications (including notices) will be sent by the School to the address shown in its records. Notices that you are required to give under these terms and conditions must be addressed to the Head and sent to the School's address. If sent by first class post, notice shall be deemed to have been given on the second day after posting.

**14. Interpretation**

Headings in these terms and conditions are for ease of understanding only and do not form part of these terms and conditions.

**15. Jurisdiction and Governing Law**

The contract between you and the School is governed by English Law. You agree with us to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

**16. Variation**

We reserve the right to make reasonable modifications to these terms and conditions from time to time. The School will give you a term's notice of any such modifications.