

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**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 highlighted to 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 admissions secretary 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.

"**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 on the School's website and is otherwise available from the School at any time upon request;

"**contract**" has the meaning given in Clause 1(c) below;

"**fees**" means the termly fees;

"**Head**" means the person appointed by the Directors of the School to be responsible for (or to share in the responsibility for) the day-to-day running of the School, including anyone to whom such duties have been delegated;

"**Schedule of Fees**" means the note of the School's prevailing fees notified to you from time to time and details of which remain available on the School's website and 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 to the Head, sent via the admissions secretary and given not later than the first day of the term *before* the term to which the notice relates<sup>1</sup>;

"**terms and conditions**" means these terms and conditions as may be 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; and

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<sup>1</sup> So if, for example, a term's notice is required to withdraw your child from an extra-curricular activity 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.

"you" or the "parents" means each person who has signed the Acceptance Form as a parent 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 of what we are referring to. We do this by using the words "**for example**", "**includes**" or "**including**". 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.

We also use headings to introduce separate provisions. These headings are for ease of understanding only.

- (b) Who we are. We are Hurlingham School Ltd., a company registered in England and Wales. Our company registration number is 03921517 and our registered office is at 122 Putney Bridge Road, London SW15 2NQ.
- (c) Our contract with you. The **Acceptance Form** 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 this 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 returning the completed Form of Acceptance to us by the date stipulated in your offer letter and paying the acceptance fee. The Acceptance Fee is equivalent to approximately 75% of one term's fees at the time of the offer of a place.
- (b) The Balance Payment is the second payment requested and combines with the Acceptance Fee to secure your child's place at the School. The Balance Payment is equivalent to 25% of one term's fees at the time of the offer of a place.
- (c) The non-refundable status of the Acceptance Fee. **The Acceptance Fee is not refundable if your child does not take up a place at the School.** As soon as your child starts at the School, however, the Acceptance Fee is combined with the Balance Payment see (b) to form the deposit which is the equivalent to one term's fees at the time of the offer of a place. This deposit then forms part of the general funds of the School until such time as your child leaves the School when, subject to the fulfilment of the notice requirements, it will be repaid to you, without interest, less any sums due.

(d) **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 in this section 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 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 (ie, the final term of the previous academic year).
- (b) If we receive that period of notice. **If such notice is received by the School by that time, the Acceptance Fee will be forfeited in accordance with Clause 2 (c) above but the Balance Payment will be returned to you and no further fees will be payable.**

- (c) If we do not receive that period of notice. Subject to the remainder of Clause 2 (c), if such notice is received on or after that date, a term's fees shall be charged at the rate applicable for the term your child is due to start and the School shall credit the monies received from you (without interest) to such payment of the term's fees (and you hereby acknowledge and agree that the School shall be entitled to retain these funds 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. 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 are included in 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) in which you agree in advance your child may participate will be supplemental to items met by the fees and charged for accordingly. 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 all 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 this means 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 but that person **must** obtain 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 or 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 an award may be withdrawn from your child, you will 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. This will give you enough time to decide whether you want to continue to educate your child at the School.
- (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 by direct bank transfer 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 may agree that the fees that are or will fall due in relation to any term can be paid in instalments. If we agree to do this, then the School and those responsible for paying those fees will agree separately in writing the anticipated schedule of instalments by which the deferred amount of each term's invoice is to be paid. The agreed amount for each term will need to be paid by direct debit in not more than four (4) 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 will issue a separate invoice and schedule of instalments relating to the fees due in respect of each term, which will 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 other unpaid supplemental charges that were agreed during the previous term) will be included in the School's fees invoice. **All such supplemental charges must be paid in full by direct bank transfer on or before the first day of the then forthcoming term.**

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - *it sets out what rights we have, and what action we 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 may 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 may 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 3 per cent a year above the base rate from time to time of the School's bank. Unless we tell you otherwise in writing, this interest will 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. 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 being 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. **We may inform 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. Notice of an increase in the fees will be sent to you before the end of the penultimate term before the increase is to take effect. This will allow you time to consider the increase and, if you wish to withdraw your child from the School before the proposed increase is set to take effect, then you will**

have sufficient time to provide the required term's notice of withdrawal to the School under **Clause 5(a) below**.

- (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. If your child takes study leave at home before or during public examinations, or stays at home following those examinations, no reduction of fees will be made in respect of such periods spent at home.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - it sets out what period of notice we require from you if you wish to withdraw your child from the School, or remove your child 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 end of the final year taught at School), you must either give us a clear term's notice to that effect or 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 (ie, 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 (ie, the final term of the preceding academic year).
- (b) When the relevant amount in lieu of notice must be paid. In cases under (a) 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 must either give a term's notice to that effect or pay to the School as a debt a term's charges for the activity in which your child has ceased to participate.
- (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. **Overarching Expectations**

- (a) It is a condition of remaining at the School that you ensure that your child attends School punctually on each and every full day of term, unless they are ill or involved in an act of religious observance. Furthermore, that your child must conform to any and all rules of appearance, dress and behaviour as we may issue.
- (b) Monitoring your child's email communications, internet use, and use of social media. **The School may, subject to applicable data protection legislation, monitor your child's email communication, internet use, and use of social media.** We may do this for various reasons, including where it is appropriate for the School to do so (or indeed necessary) in connection with the School's legal and/or other duties and responsibilities or other legitimate purposes or good practice requirements.

## 7. **Suspension, Exclusion and Required Removal**

- (a) The Head's discretion to suspend or exclude your child from the School. The Head may in his or her discretion suspend or, in serious or persistent cases, exclude your child from the School if the Head considers that your, or 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) The Head's discretion to require you to remove your child from the School. Instead of expulsion or suspension, the Head may in his or her discretion require you to remove 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 where we have cancelled this contract under Clause 14 below;
  - (ii) 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. If this happens, 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.
- (c) What happens if your child is suspended, excluded or removed from the School.
- (i) Should the Head exercise his or her right under either Clause 7(a) or Clause 7(c) above you will not be entitled to any refund or remission of fees or supplemental charges due (whether paid or payable) in or relating to the term in which your child is excluded or suspended and (save in the case of suspension) the deposit will be forfeited meaning that the School will retain the deposit. If you are required to remove your child from the School as a result of the Head exercising his discretion under Clause 7(c)(ii) then the deposit will be credited in the usual way (see Clause 2(c)).
  - (ii) If your child is excluded or you are required to remove your child from the School, fees in lieu of notice will **not** be payable and any fees and/or supplemental charges that have been prepaid for or relating to any term after the expulsion/required removal will be refunded.
- (d) Impact of exclusion or required removal on this contract. Provided you have paid the School's final invoice, this contract will terminate with immediate effect if your child is excluded or if you are required to remove your child from the School.
- (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. Until the review is complete, your child will be deemed to be suspended from School.

## **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 the academic year in which he or she will have their eleventh birthday.
- (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.**
- (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 try 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 you object to blood transfusions)).**

- (e) *Our right to make changes at the School.* Our prospectus and website describe 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 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 will monitor your child's progress at the School and produce regular written reports. **We will 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.

## **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.
- (b) *Examples of the co-operation and assistance we require.* You must co-operate with the School and School staff in good faith, including by:
  - (i) maintaining a constructive relationship with School staff (including 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) providing cooperation and assistance to the School so that your child can participate in, and benefit from, the School's provision of education (including where the School may wish/need to provide such education remotely); and
  - (vi) 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 and remaining at 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 that persist for periods longer than a week, 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 for your child, including for 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 legally certified 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 must (whether upon request or otherwise) promptly provide the School with legally certified copies of the relevant court order(s) or undertaking(s) (or the relevant parts of them).
- (g) We require you to nominate a 'responsible adult' for us to contact in your absence. It is a condition of your child's joining and remaining at the School that you complete and submit to the School a parental absence form for your child. Amongst other things this form will 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.
- (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 where in certain circumstances the School deems it appropriate.
- (j) You must notify us of your child's absence from School. The Head must be informed in writing in advance of any reason for your child's absence from School including religious observance and medical appointments. Wherever possible the School's prior consent should be sought for absence from the School. In the event of your child being absent through illness you must inform the school office prior to the start of the school day. **If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, they must stay at home for 48 hours after it has stopped.**
- (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 immediately 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 on the School's website and is otherwise available from the School at any time upon request.

## 10. **Insurance**

Insurance arrangements. Your child is included in an obligatory personal accident insurance scheme, the charge for which is included in the fees.

### **PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY**

*It will not always be necessary or practical for us to obtain consent for every use we make of personal data. The law recognises this but does require that we set out these uses clearly as far as possible. Please also see our 'Data Protection Policy' which is available on the School's website.*

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

- (a) We may provide a reference for your child. We may supply 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 will be confidential. We may also pass on duplicates of School reports. 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 are 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) We will need to use information relating to your child, and to you, for certain purposes connected with the running of the School. This may include name, contact details, school records, photographs and video recordings, both 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;
  - (iv) communicating with the school community and the body of former pupils
  - (v) pupil assessment.
- 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) and the School's website(s).
- (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 (and/or documentation) about (or relating to) 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) As A Tier 4 sponsor we need your consent to us providing certain information to UKVI. In order to comply with our responsibilities as a licensed sponsor under Tier 4 of the Home Office's points-based system for immigration purposes, you consent to us notifying and/or supplying information relating to you and/or your child's right to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom to the *United Kingdom Visas and Immigration* (UKVI) unit of the Home Office (and to do so whether we actually sponsor your child or not).
- (e) We will send information (eg, 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)).

- (f) Data Protection Law. The School will process personal data about you and your child in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 (as amended or superseded, including from 25 May 2018 in the General Data Protection Regulations) and other related legislation. We will process such personal data:
- (i) as set out in this Clause 11, and in the School's 'Data Protection Policy' 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, request from or referral to an appropriate authority, 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 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 end of the academic year in which your child will have their eleventh birthday).*

## 14. Ending this Contract

- (a) Our rights to end the contract. The School may end this contract at any time by notice in writing 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 giving final notice to you in writing that such payment is due;
  - (ii) 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);
  - (iii) 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 complete and submit a parental absence form;
  - (vi) you (or either of you):
    - (aa) are unable, following our request, to demonstrate that you will be able to pay the fees and supplemental charges due under this contract;
    - (bb) are otherwise unable to pay your debts as they fall due;
    - (cc) are the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; or
    - (dd) you enter into an individual voluntary arrangement; or
  - (vii) you otherwise do not comply with (ie, 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.

- (b) *Your rights to end the contract.* You may end this contract at any time by 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.  
or
  - (iii) you decide to remove your child from the School and give the appropriate period of notice as set out in Clause 5.
- (c) *When this contract will end if not terminated early.* For the avoidance of doubt and without us having to provide you with notice, this contract shall end on the settlement of the School's final invoice or at the end of the academic year in which your child will have their eleventh birthday, whichever is later.
- (d) *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.

## 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) sent to the School using this email address: **admissions@hurlingham-school.co.uk**
  - (ii) delivered by hand to the School;
  - (iii) sent to the School by post.

**In light of the importance under this contract of serving certain notices on or before a particular deadline (and the consequences that follow if you do not do so) we recommend that if you provide notice under any of Clauses 3, 4(c)(iii), 5(a), 5(b) or 5(d) of these terms and conditions<sup>2</sup> you telephone the School to confirm receipt if you have not received an acknowledgement from us within 48 hours (during term-time) and 5 working days (during a school holiday period) after sending the notice.**

## 17. **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.

## 18. **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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<sup>2</sup> ie, 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

## **The School's Aims**

- To aim for excellence in all we do in the education and development of pupils at our school.
- To establish a sound, fair and moral community in which pupils can learn to live amicably with their peers within a happy and nurturing atmosphere.
- To provide a stimulating, safe, enjoyable and dynamic environment where children want to attend and develop a love of learning.
- To enable all pupils, whatever their abilities and talents may be, to access an excellent education throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two.
- To provide a broad curriculum and a strong extra-curricular programme which develops the children's confidence and independence and ensures that they are well equipped for life after Hurlingham School.
- To widen the availability of the school to as many families as possible within our local community, through the provision of assistance in cases of hardship.
- To develop an ongoing partnership between parents and Hurlingham School as a whole.

## **Religion**

Hurlingham School is a school for children of any or no faith as reflected in our school creed:

This is our school.  
Let peace dwell here.  
Let the rooms be full of contentment,  
Let love abide here:  
Love of one another, love of humanity,  
Love of life itself, and love of living.  
Let us remember that, just as many hands build a house,  
So many hearts make a school.

All pupils are expected to participate in visits to places of worship from a variety of faiths and to play an active role in our annual Carol Services. However, of course, parents may request their child's non-attendance at these should they object on religious grounds: under such circumstances, they should write to the Headmaster. The children will learn about the main world religions as part of the school's RPE (Religion, Philosophy and Ethics) curriculum.

**Here is a list of the School Policies which are available to view on the School website. Should you not have access to the internet, paper copies can be requested from the School office at any time:**

- Health and Safety Overview
  
- Admissions Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Assessment, Reporting and Feedback Policy
- Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions Policy
- Car Park Policy
- Catering Policy
- Complaints Procedure Policy
- Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Deposits Policy
- Disability Policy and Accessibility Plan
- Drugs Policy
- Educational Visits Policy
- EAL Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Fire Safety, Procedures and Risk Assessment Policy
- First Aid and Medical Policy
- Health and Safety Responsibility and Powers Policy
- ICT and Computer Usage Policy
- Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities Policy
- Management of Health and Safety Policy
- Missing Children and Failure to Collect Policy
- More Able Pupils including Gifted and Talented Provision
- PSHEE and Citizenship Policy
- Public Liability Insurance and Employers' Liability Insurance Certificate
- Reports and References Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment Policy
- Taking, Storing and Using Images of Children Policy

## Complaints Procedure Policy

This policy is made available to all parents, prospective parents, staff and prospective employees of Hurlingham School on our website, and a hard copy can also be viewed at our School Office. Hurlingham School will ensure that parents of pupils and of prospective pupils who request it are made aware that this document is published or available and the forms in which it is published or available.

This Complaints Procedure applies to all aspects of Hurlingham School's work, including the Early Years Foundation Stage.

### Introduction

Hurlingham School has long prided itself on the quality of the teaching and pastoral care provided to its pupils. However, if parents do have a complaint, they can expect it to be treated by the School in accordance with this Procedure. We actively encourage parents to talk to us whenever they have a worry or concern about their child and or his or her life at Hurlingham School. All concerns are taken seriously, discussed thoroughly and recorded by Heads of Sections so that any patterns can be detected in the weekly SLT meeting. We aim to find a good solution to all matters. However, were this ever not to satisfy a parent so that concern remains, the parent would be asked to put the matter in writing to the head or principal and, within that letter, to request that the complaints procedure be put into action.

### Stage 1 – Informal Resolution

- We hope that most complaints and concerns will be resolved quickly and informally.
- If parents have a complaint they should normally contact their child's form teacher. In many cases, the matter will be resolved straightaway by this means to the parents' satisfaction. If the form teacher cannot resolve the matter alone, it may be necessary for him or her to consult the Headmaster and, in any case, should inform him of the outcome of the complaint.
- Complaints made directly to the Headmaster will usually be referred to the relevant form teacher unless the Headmaster deems it appropriate for him to deal with the matter personally.
- The form teacher will make a written record of all concerns and complaints and the date on which they were received. Should the matter not be resolved within 5 working days or in the event that the form teacher and the parent fail to reach a satisfactory resolution then parents will be advised to proceed with their complaint in accordance with stage 2 of this Procedure.

### Stage 2 – Formal Resolution

- If the complaint cannot be resolved on an informal basis, then the parents should put their complaint in writing to the Headmaster. The Headmaster will decide, after considering the complaint, the appropriate course of action to take.
- In most cases, the Headmaster will meet the parents concerned within 5 working days of receiving the complaint, to discuss the matter. If possible, a resolution will be reached at this stage.
- It may be necessary for the Headmaster to carry out further investigations. These will be completed in 7 working days or as soon as is practicable.
- The Headmaster will keep written records of all meetings and interviews held in relation to the complaint.
- Once the Headmaster is satisfied that, so far as is practicable, all of the relevant facts have been established, a decision will be made and parents will be informed of this decision in writing. The Headmaster will also give reasons for his decision. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Principal.
- The written decision will be issued within fourteen working days of receiving the complaint. If for any reason this is not possible, the Headmaster will write to the parents within the fourteen working day period referred to above, stating the reason or reasons why he is unable to issue his decision and informing the parents when he will do so, which will be within twenty-eight working days of the receipt of the complaint in any event.

- If parents are not satisfied with the decision, they should proceed to Stage 3 of this procedure where a panel hearing will take place unless the parents later indicate that they are now satisfied and do not wish to proceed further.
- The panel hearing should proceed whether the parent attends or not. If necessary, the panel should consider the parent's complaint in his/her absence and issue findings on the substance of the complaint thereby bringing the matter to a conclusion. The requirement for the panel to proceed does not prevent the school from accommodating reasonable parental availability for dates or considering comments concerning panel composition.

### Stage 3 – Panel Hearing

- Upon receipt of the written decision, if parents seek to invoke Stage 3 (following a failure to reach an earlier resolution), they are to write to the Headmaster informing him of their decision to do so within 28 working days, whereupon the matter will be referred to the School Principal. The School Principal will then take responsibility for the organisation of a Complaints Panel hearing.
- The matter will then be referred to the Complaints Panel for consideration. The Panel will consist of three persons not directly involved in the matters detailed in the complaint, one of whom shall be independent of the management and running of the school. The School Principal, on behalf of the Panel, will then acknowledge the complaint and schedule a hearing to take place as soon as practicable and within 21 working days.
- If the Panel deems it necessary, it may require (in writing) that further particulars of the complaint or any related matter be supplied in advance of the hearing. Copies of such particulars shall be supplied to all parties not later than 5 working days prior to the hearing. Any such further particulars received within 5 working days before the hearing shall be disregarded and inadmissible to the panel because it will not be possible to provide copies to all parties within that timescale.
- The parents may be accompanied to the hearing by one other person. This may be a relative, teacher or friend. Legal representation will not normally be appropriate.
- If possible, the Panel will resolve the parents' complaint immediately without the need for further investigation. However should the panel decide at the hearing that further investigation is required, the panel shall decide how such investigations should be carried out and by when they should be concluded.
- If necessary, the panel will reconvene and, after due consideration of all the facts they consider relevant, will reach a decision and may make recommendations.
- **The decision of the Panel will be final.**
- A copy of the Panel's findings and recommendations will (if any) be sent by electronic mail or otherwise given to the parents and, where relevant, the person complained about, as well as the Principal and the Headmaster.

A written record will be kept of all complaints made under the formal part of the procedure and of whether they are resolved at the preliminary stage or proceed to a Panel hearing. This will include details of any action taken by the school as a result of these complaints (regardless of whether they are upheld).

A further record is kept of 'concerns' or informal complaints and this is reviewed regularly by the SLT to enable any patterns of concern to be identified and monitored.

Parents can be assured that all complaints and concerns will be treated seriously and confidentially. Correspondence, statements and records will be kept confidential except in so far as it is required of the school by paragraph 6(2)(j) of the Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) Regulations 2014 (as subsequently amended), by the Secretary of State or where disclosure is required by the ISI under section 162A of the Education Act 2002 (as amended), or under other legal authority.

**Footnotes:**

1. In the event that a complaint involves or relates to a teacher, then the teacher will be kept fully informed in writing of the procedure being adopted in relation to the management of the complaint and supplied with copies of the documentation.
2. In the event of a panel hearing, the teacher will have the right to make representations to the panel.
3. In the event that a complaint is made against the management of the School, it may be deemed appropriate for the School Principal to appoint two additional panel members to support Mr Michael Taylor (Headmaster of Fairley House School), or the Head of a nearby school, who are independent of the management and running of Hurlingham School. The independent panel member(s) will be a person who has held a position of responsibility and is used to scrutinising evidence and putting forward balanced arguments.
4. Records of any complaints are kept by the School for a minimum of three years.
5. Parents of pupils in Reception (EYFS) only should be aware that they are entitled to direct their complaint not only directly to the Independent Schools Inspectorate, CAP House, 9-12 Long Lane, London EC1A 9HA, but also to Ofsted, Royal Exchange Buildings, Saint Anne's Square, Manchester M2 7LA if their complaint is about the fulfilment of EYFS requirements and then only if the matter has not been resolved to a satisfactory solution by the school within 28 days.
6. We will provide ISI, on request, with a written record of all complaints made during any specific period, and the action which was taken as a result of each complaint.
7. We will provide Ofsted, on request, with a written record of all complaints relating to the requirements under the statutory framework for the EYFS made during any specified period, and the action which was taken as a result of each complaint. The record of any such complaints will be kept for at least 3 years.

No 'formal' complaints were received to necessitate the implementation of the Complaints Procedure Policy during the academic year 2016-17.

Date of last review: June 2017

Date of next review: June 2018