



MARLBOROUGH HOUSE SCHOOL

PARENT CONTRACT

Terms and Conditions

Acceptance Form

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1. Definitions

- (a) In these terms and conditions (and in the Acceptance Form to which these terms and conditions are attached) some words and phrases have particular meanings and have to be defined. Such defined terms are set out 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;

"the Complaints Procedure" is 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 procedure is available from the School at any time upon request;

"deposit" means the sum referred to as such in the Acceptance Form (and that is separately set out in the Schedule of Fees);

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

"FIA 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 management of the School, including anyone to whom such duties have been duly delegated;

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

"School Rules" means any rules of the School 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;

"supplemental charges" means any charges in addition to the fees which shall include (without limitation), where applicable, any registration fee, any deposit, all extras and payments in respect of damage and any other amounts falling due under this contract

"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;

"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); and

"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 (and **"your"** shall be construed accordingly).

Use of the word **"including"** shall mean (and be construed) such that the examples that are given are not intended to be exclusive or limiting examples of the matter in question.

- (b) The **Acceptance Form**, the **Schedule of Fees**, the **FIA Terms and Conditions** and these **terms and conditions** (as in each case may be varied from time to time) form the terms of a contract (the **"contract"**) between you and Marlborough House School Trust Limited. 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 your submitting the duly completed Acceptance Form and paying the deposit.
- (b) The deposit is not refundable if your child does not take up a place at the School (except 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)[2]. 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.
- (c) **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 written notice to that effect prior to the first day of the term immediately preceding the term in which your child was due to start. If such notice is received by the School by that time the deposit will be forfeited in accordance with Clause 2(b) above but no further fees will be payable. However, if such notice is received on or after that date (or if no notice is received at all) a term's fees shall be payable 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 and the School shall credit the deposit (without interest) to such payment of the term's fees**

(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.

3. **School Fees, Supplemental Charges and Payment**

- (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 to you by the School.
- (b) Any extra-curricular activities (such as private music lessons, trips and visits) in which you agree 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.
- (c)

(i) **Each of you who has signed the Acceptance Form is liable for and must ensure that all the fees due and supplemental charges are paid.** And, each of you remains liable to the School for all of the fees and supplemental charges due UNLESS 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 (or any part of them).

(ii) A person who has signed the Acceptance Form may withdraw from this contract with the School by submitting a term's notice PROVIDED THAT they have obtained the prior written consent of both the School and the other person who has signed the Acceptance Form.

(iii) If your child has been awarded a scholarship/bursary, your liability will be 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 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. 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.
- (d) 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 3(c)(i) above). The invoice will include all supplemental charges, including for extra-curricular activities (and for other charges that were incurred during the previous term). The invoice must be paid in full either by cheque or 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, and all supplemental charges including for extra-curricular activities for each term (and for other charges that were incurred during the previous term) unless otherwise stated, that are or will fall due in relation to any term can be paid in instalments. If the School agrees to do so in relation to any term's fees then the School and those liable for those fees will agree separately in writing the amount that is to be deferred and the anticipated schedule of instalments by which the deferred amount is to be paid. In such circumstances and in any event, the agreed amount for each term is to be paid by direct debit in not more than four (4) instalments, within a period that does not exceed four (4) 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) **(i) We reserve the right to refuse to allow your child to attend the School or to withhold any references while fees and/or supplemental charges remain unpaid or there is a persistent failure by you to pay the fees and/or such supplemental charges.**

(ii) We can charge interest of three (3) per cent per annum above the base rate for the time being of the School's bank on any late payments. Unless we tell you otherwise, 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 judgment. You must pay the School the interest together with the overdue amount.

(iii) 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).

(iv) 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.

- (f) We will review our fees from time to time (usually annually) and they may be increased by such amount as the School considers reasonable. Notice of any such increase in the fees will usually be given not later than the final day of the preceding term. However the School reserves the right to impose an increase at any time in the event of an unpredictable rise in school running costs. If we give you notice of an increase in fees which exceeds 10%, 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 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.
- (g) Fees and any prepaid supplemental charges will not be reduced due to your child's absence. 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.

- (h) Without limiting the effect of the earlier provisions of this Clause 3, where you and the School have entered into an agreement incorporating the FIA Terms and Conditions (such that you have made a capital payment in respect of all or part of the fees due under this contract) the School will administer such capital sum to meet the fees pursuant to the FIA Terms and Conditions PROVIDED THAT you shall meet the difference between the amount per term applied by the School under the FIA Terms and Conditions and the total fees and supplemental charges due in respect of your child each term under this contract which shall include (without limitation), where applicable, any registration fee, any deposit, all extras and payments in respect of damage and any other amounts falling due under this contract. 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 contract.

4. Notice Requirements

- (a) **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.**
- (b) In cases under (a) above, 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) **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.**

5. School Rules

- (a) It is a condition of remaining at the School that your child complies with the any School Rules as provided from time to time. In addition, you undertake to ensure that your child attends School punctually and that your child conforms to such rules of appearance, dress and behaviour as may be issued by the School from time to time (if not already included within the School Rules).
- (b) 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 Behaviour & Discipline policy and its IT Acceptable Use policy.

6. **Suspension, Exclusion and Required Removal**

- (a) 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 reasonably 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 or otherwise warrants suspension or exclusion in accordance with the Behaviour and Discipline Policy.
- (b) The Head may in his or her discretion require you to remove your child from the School if the Head reasonably 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 well-being 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 otherwise warrants it in accordance with the Behaviour and Discipline Policy; or
 - (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.
- (c) Should the Head exercise his or her right under either Clause 6(a) or Clause 6(b)(i) above you will not be entitled to any refund or remission of fees or supplemental charges due (whether paid or payable) and, in such instances pursuant to those Clauses where your child is permanently excluded or you are required to remove your child from the School, the deposit will be forfeited. 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 6(b)(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.
- (d) The Behaviour and Discipline Policy sets out examples of offences likely to be punishable by suspension or expulsion. These examples are not exhaustive and 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) You acknowledge that any review of serious disciplinary matters or decisions taken by the School and/or Head under this Clause 6 shall be 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. 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).
- (c) In accordance with the law, we will not subject your child to corporal punishment. We will not subject your child to physical contact except where such contact may be deemed appropriate, including in order to avert an immediate danger of personal injury to, or an immediate danger to the property of, a person (including your child). 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.
- (d) 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 recommended by a doctor (including anaesthetic or operation, or blood transfusion (unless you have previously notified us you object to blood transfusions)).
- (e) Our website 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), and we reserve the right to do so. For this reason, please notify the School if there is anything of particular concern to you contained in the prospectus, as it may be that recent changes are not reflected in the current version. We will give parents notice of any changes that we regard as significant to your child prior to the end of the penultimate term before the change is to take effect.
- (f) We shall monitor your child's progress at the School and will report to parents regularly. We shall advise you if we have any concern about your child's progress but we do not undertake to diagnose dyslexia or other specific 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.
- (g) Religious observance at the School shall be conducted in accordance with the School Rules.
- (h) In order to fulfil our obligations, we, the Head and School staff need your co-operation, including in particular by you fulfilling your own obligations under this contract.

8. **The Parents' Obligations**

- (a) In addition to your other obligations included elsewhere in these terms and conditions (including in the remainder of this Clause 8), you undertake to 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) and ensure 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;
 - (iv) 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
 - (v) attending meetings and otherwise keeping in touch with the School where your child's interests so require.
- (b) 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 undertake to inform the School (and provide, whether upon further request by the School or otherwise, any reports or other materials relevant to the same) 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. 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 been averted. Where it is considered appropriate in such circumstances we shall endeavour 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).
- (c) You undertake to inform the School of any situations where special arrangements may be needed in relation to your child. You also undertake to 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 that somehow relates to) your child's attendance at the School (including its premises) and/or the School's provision of education to your child, including any 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). 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 complete and submit to the School a parental absence form in respect of your child which, amongst other things, 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.[\[3\]](#)

- (d) 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, subject only to Clause 8(e) 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.

- (e) **A notice of withdrawal of your child served under this contract (i.e., under any of Clauses 2(c), 3(c)(iii), 3(g), or 4(a) 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).**

- (f) 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. If at any time during your child's time at the School you (and each of you as the holders of parental responsibility for your child) will not be in the United Kingdom at any time or you (or either of you) will otherwise be absent for a period of longer than two (2) consecutive school days then you must inform the School in writing and provide the details reasonably required by the School as a result, including the name and contact details for a 'responsible adult' for the period of your absence.

- (g) 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 the School staff.

- (h) 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. Complaints should be made in accordance with the School's Complaints Procedure.

9. **Insurance**

The School accepts no liability for the loss of, or damage to, person or personal effects whilst they are on School premises or away from School during School activities. You must make your own insurance arrangements if you require cover for your child's person or property while at School or for the payment of fees due to absence of your child or closure of the School premises.

10. **References, Confidentiality and Data Protection**

- (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 opinions reasonably given, or correct statements of fact contained, in any reference or report given by us.
- (b) 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; (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. 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), the School's website(s) and (where appropriate) the School's social media channels. If you wish to withdraw consent to us using information relating to your child (including photographs and video recordings) in any of the above ways you should inform us in writing in accordance with school policies for IT Acceptable Use, Social Media and Safe Use of Children's Photographs.
- (c) You undertake to: (i) confirm (or update, if necessary), when requested, such information (and/or documentary materials) about (or relating to) you and/or your child that is held by the School; and (ii) in any event, 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) You acknowledge and agree that those persons who have parental responsibility for your child are entitled to receive relevant information about the 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).
- (e) The School will process personal data about you and your child in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. You consent to us processing such personal data: (i) as set out in this clause 10, 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.

11. **Intellectual Property Rights**

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

12. **Changes in Ownership etc.**

For the purposes of constitutional changes to the School 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. **Cancellation**

- (a) The School shall be entitled to cancel this contract by notice in writing without prejudice to its other remedies and without any obligation to return any deposit or fees paid to you if you are in material breach of any of your obligations under this contract or any similar agreement with the School (including for the avoidance of doubt persistent late or non-payment of fees and/or supplemental charges) and have not (in the case of a breach which is capable of remedy) remedied the same within fourteen (14) days of a notice from the School requiring it to be remedied.

For the purposes of illustration only (and without limitation), the following circumstances would typify what the School is likely to regard as a material breach entitling it to terminate this contract: (i) failure to pay any fees or supplemental charges on time on more than one occasion; (ii) you (as opposed to your child) acting in such a way as to give the Head cause to require you to remove your child from the School under Clause 6(b)(i) of this contract; (iii) any other circumstance where your child is permanently excluded from the School in accordance with the terms of this contract; (iv) a serious misrepresentation of facts or circumstances or withholding of information 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/they are not); and (v) failure or refusal to complete and submit to the School a medical questionnaire in respect of your child.

- (b) (i) The School may at any time cancel this contract forthwith by notice in writing (without prejudice to any of its other remedies) if you (or either of you): are unable, following our reasonable request, to demonstrate that you will be able to pay the fees and supplemental charges as they fall due under this contract; are otherwise unable to pay your debts as they fall due; are the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; or enter into an individual voluntary arrangement.

(ii) You may at any time cancel this contract forthwith by notice in writing (without prejudice to any of your other remedies) if the School becomes insolvent or goes into liquidation or receivership or administrative receivership or is wound-up for any reason.

- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, this contract shall end at the end of your child's schooling.

14. **Force Majeure (i.e., circumstances beyond our control)**

- (a) In this contract "**force majeure**" shall mean any cause beyond a party's 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).
- (b) In the event of a force majeure arising which prevents or delays the School's performance of any of its obligations under this contract, the School shall forthwith give you notice in writing specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to the force majeure. Provided that the School has acted reasonably and prudently to prevent and/or minimise the effect of the force majeure [and subject to Clause 14(c)], the School will have no liability in respect of the non-performance of such of its obligations as are prevented or delayed during the continuance of the force majeure. To the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances the School shall endeavour during the continuance of the force majeure to provide educational services (including by providing appropriate educational services remotely).
- (c) If the School is prevented from performance of all of its obligations as a result of force majeure for a continuous period greater 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 cancel this contract on written notice to the School and without giving a term's notice or paying fees in lieu of notice.
- (d) Subject to Clause 3(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 a force majeure you shall give the School notice in writing of such circumstances and the following provisions shall apply:
 - (i) you shall, in consultation and cooperation with the School, use all reasonable endeavours to: mitigate the effect of the force majeure in order to continue to perform the 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 liable for non-performance of your obligations (including the obligation to pay fees, pro-rated accordingly) during the continuance of the force majeure; and
 - (iii) in the event of the force majeure continuing 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.

15. **Communications**

- (a) All notices required to be given under these terms and conditions must be given in writing.
- (b) 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 undertake to notify the School of any change of address(es) or other contact details.
- (c) 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 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 serve under any of Clauses 2(c), 3(c)(iii), 3(g), 4(a), 4(b) or 4(d) of these terms and conditions^[4] are sent to the School by recorded or other form of registered post requiring a signature upon receipt as proof of delivery.**

16. **Interpretation**

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

17. **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.

18. **Variations**

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.

[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] 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

[3] The parental absence form 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.

[4] 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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