



**THE MULBERRY HOUSE  
SCHOOL**

## **Terms and Conditions**

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**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 otherwise highlighted to stand out. This is 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 Caroline Bonnor-Moris at [bursar@mulberryhouseschool.com](mailto:bursar@mulberryhouseschool.com) to discuss.

### 1 Terminology

- 1.1 ***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 define them. Such defined terms are set out below and when used in these terms and conditions they shall have the meaning given to them here.

- 1.1.1 **Acceptance Deposit:** means the amount set out and referred to as such in the Acceptance Form (and that is separately set out in the Fees List).
- 1.1.2 **Acceptance Form:** means the form provided by the School for you to complete when accepting a place for your child at the School.
- 1.1.3 **child:** means the child named on the Acceptance Form to be educated by the School.
- 1.1.4 **Complaints Policy:** means the School's policy 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 is not intended to form part of the contract between you and the School. A copy of the most up-to-date Complaints Policy is on the School's website and is otherwise available from the School at any time upon request.
- 1.1.5 **contract:** means the following documents (as in each case may be varied from time to time) which constitute the legally binding contract between you and us:
  - (a) the **Acceptance Form**;
  - (b) the **Fees List**; and
  - (c) these **terms and conditions**.

It is not intended that the terms of this contract shall be enforceable by your child or by any other third party.

- 1.1.6 **Early Years Classes:** means classes for children who are below the

compulsory school age (ie on 31 December, 31 March or 31 August following their fifth birthday – whichever comes first).

- 1.1.7 **Fees:** means the termly fees set out in the Fees List.
- 1.1.8 **Fees List:** means the note of the School's prevailing Fees notified to you from time to time and a copy of which is available on the School's website.
- 1.1.9 **Headteacher:** means the Headteacher of the School as appointed by the Proprietor of the School, including anyone to whom such duties have been delegated. The Headteacher is responsible for (or will share in the responsibility for) the day-to-day running of the School.
- 1.1.10 **Parental Responsibility:** means legal responsibility for the child<sup>1</sup>. All those with Parental Responsibility must agree to the child being admitted to the School before the parents sign the Acceptance Form.
- 1.1.11 **parents or you:** means each person who has signed the Acceptance Form as a holder of Parental Responsibility for the child.
- 1.1.12 **Preparatory Class:** means Prep I, Prep II and Prep III classes at the School.
- 1.1.13 **Proprietor:** means the owner of the School from time to time who is responsible for governance of the School.
- 1.1.14 **the School or we:** means The Mulberry House School Limited. The School is constituted in England and Wales as a private limited company (company number 7261427) and with its registered offices at 7 Minster Road, West Hampstead, London, NW2 3SD.
- 1.1.15 **School Rules:** means the body of rules and policies of the School which set out our expectations concerning conduct and behaviour, as may be amended from time to time for legal, safety or other substantive reasons, or in order to assist in the proper administration of the School. Up-to-date copies of the documents comprising the School Rules are available at any time upon request (and some of which are also available on the School's website).
- 1.1.16 **Term:** means a term of the School as published on the School's website and as notified to parents from time to time.
- 1.1.17 **terms and conditions:** means these terms and conditions as amended from time to time.
- 1.1.18 **Term's written notice:** means written notice given not later than the first day of the Term before the Term to which the notice relates. For example, a Term's notice is required to withdraw your child from the School. So, if you wish to withdraw your child with effect from the start of the Summer Term, 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. This is

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<sup>1</sup> 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. The child's mother automatically has parental responsibility for her child from birth. A father usually has parental responsibility if he's either: (a) married to the child's mother; or (b) listed on the birth certificate (after a certain date, depending on which part of the UK the child was born in). You can apply for parental responsibility if you don't automatically have it (for example in cases of adoption). 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. Further information is also available here: <https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/who-has-parental-responsibility>.

because the Summer Term is the Term to which the notice relates.

- 1.2 **Interpretation:** 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". The examples that are then 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.

## **2 Acceptance and Acceptance Deposit**

- 2.1 **How you accept our offer of a place:** An offer of a place for your child at the School is accepted by your submitting the completed Acceptance Form and paying the Acceptance Deposit.
- 2.2 **The non-refundable status of the Acceptance Deposit:** The Acceptance Deposit is **not refundable** if your child does not take up their place at the School. The limited exception to this is where notice is given in accordance with Clause 3.1 below and the School actually fills the specific vacancy created by your child's withdrawal, in which case the School shall refund the Acceptance Deposit to you **less** its costs in administering your dealings with the School or a reasonable estimate of those costs. You should be aware that in the event of a late withdrawal it is very unlikely that the School would be able to fill the vacancy created by your child's withdrawal.
- 2.3 **How we use the Acceptance Deposit:** The Acceptance Deposit will form part of the general funds of the School until it is repaid to you without interest upon receipt of the final payment of the Fees or other sums due to the School on your child's leaving (unless stated otherwise in these terms and conditions).
- 2.4 **Requirement for you to increase the amount of the Acceptance Deposit:** Where your child joins the Early Years Classes and an offer of a place for your child to enter the Preparatory Classes is accepted, you must pay a further sum equivalent to the difference between the Acceptance Deposit already paid for the Early Years Classes and the Acceptance Deposit payable for the Preparatory Classes to accept the place.

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

**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 cancel 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. This is why we require the period of notice referred in this section for a withdrawal, and why different consequences follow depending on whether we get that period of notice or not.*

- 3.1 **Notice to withdraw your acceptance before your child joins the School:** Subject only to Clause 3.4 below (which deals with the late offer and acceptance of a place at the School), if you wish to cancel your acceptance of a place **BEFORE** your child starts at the School you must **either** give us a Term's written notice to that effect **or** pay to the School a Term's Fees in lieu of notice. 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 their place on or before the first day of the preceding Summer Term (i.e. the final Term of the previous academic year) or pay the Fees in



lieu of notice referred to above.

- 3.2 **If we receive a Term's notice:** If you provide a Term's notice, no further Fees will be payable but you will not receive a refund of your Acceptance Deposit. (The only exception to this is if you are entitled to a refund of the Acceptance Deposit under Clause 2.2 above).
- 3.3 **If we do not receive a Term's notice:** If you do not provide us with a Term's notice (or if no notice is provided at all) a Term's Fees will be payable by you and will become due and owing to the School upon demand as a debt. The Term's Fees will be charged at the rate applicable for the Term in which your child was due to start. The School will credit the amount of the Acceptance Deposit you have paid (without interest or any entitlement to repayment under Clause 2.2 above) to the payment of the Term's Fees you will owe us.
- 3.4 **Withdrawing acceptance of a place offered in the Term before entry:** If we offer a place for your child at the School in the Term immediately before the Term in which your child is due to start at the School, you may withdraw your acceptance of the place in writing at any time within two (2) weeks from the date the Acceptance Form was signed and returned to the School. For example, if we offer your child a place at the School with effect from the Autumn Term (ie the start of an academic year) and we make the offer in the immediately preceding Summer Term, you will have two (2) weeks from the date you sign and return the Acceptance Form to withdraw your acceptance of the place. In such circumstances, no further Fees will be payable but you will not receive a refund of your Acceptance Deposit. (The only exception to this is if you are entitled to a refund of the Acceptance Deposit under Clause 2.2 above). If, however, you give notice of withdrawal after this two (2) week period (or if no notice is received at all), a Term's Fees will be payable by you and will become due and owing to the School upon demand as a debt. The Term's Fees will be charged at the rate applicable for the Term in which your child was due to start. The School will credit the amount of the Acceptance Deposit you have paid (without interest or any entitlement to repayment under Clause 2.2 above) to the payment of the Term's Fees you will owe us.

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

- 4.1 **What the Fees include:** Unless set out in the Fees List or notified to you at any time, the Fees include the costs we incur in the usual course of educating your child.
- 4.2 **What the Fees do not include: supplemental charges:** We refer to any items or services charged to you in addition to the Fees as **supplemental charges**. By way of example, the following items and services are supplemental to items and services met by the Fees and will be charged for in addition to the Fees:
- 4.2.1 charges for trips and special events in which you agree in advance your child may participate;
  - 4.2.2 charges arising in respect of educational visits;
  - 4.2.3 lunches;
  - 4.2.4 vision screening;
  - 4.2.5 damage where your child alone or with others has intentionally or very carelessly caused loss or damage to School property or the property of any other person (fair wear and tear excluded); and
  - 4.2.6 additional costs incurred by the School in providing for the special educational needs of your child may also be charged as supplemental to the

Fees.

- 4.3 Applicable taxes. All of the fees and supplemental charges are exclusive of any taxes, which will be added (where applicable).

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

- 4.4 Who is responsible for 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 parent who signs the Acceptance Form therefore has an individual responsibility to ensure that, individually and 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, in its discretion, choose to seek payment of the full amount outstanding from either parent or both parents. The only exceptions to this are set out in Clause 4.5 immediately below. Court orders (for example, where parents are separated or divorced) and other arrangements between parents or third parties relating to the Fees and supplemental charges do not normally bind or apply to the School and do not extinguish either parent's liability for the Fees and supplemental charges due under this contract.
- 4.5 How one parent can remove him/herself from their payment responsibility and circumstances where the School may agree to accept payment from a person who has not signed the Acceptance Form and is not a party to this contract: A parent who has signed the Acceptance Form may be removed from their payment responsibility under this contract by submitting a Term's written notice but that parent **must** have obtained the prior written consent of **both** the School and the other parent who has signed the Acceptance Form before submitting such notice. Separately, the School may (without obligation to do so) agree in writing with each of you to accept payment from a third party (for example, a grandparent or employer) but this will not discharge your payment responsibility under this contract, unless and until we agree otherwise in writing.
- 4.6 How the Fees are charged and payment requirements: The annual fees are divided into three equal parts and are charged separately on a termly basis, regardless of the length of any Term and regardless of your child's place at the School or year group. **Each Term's Fees 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 4.5 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.**
- 4.7 Instalment arrangements: An agreement by us to accept payment of Fees by instalments is entirely at the School's discretion; we do not have to offer you this facility. If we agree that the Fees that are or will fall due in relation to any Term can be paid by instalments, then the School and those responsible for 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 standing order or such method as agreed by the School 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.

- 4.8 **Payment of supplemental charges:** Charges for your child's lunches for each Term (and for other unpaid supplemental charges that were agreed during the previous Term) will be included in the School's Fees invoice and must be paid in full by direct bank transfer on or before the first day of that Term. All other supplemental charges are payable in advance and must be paid in full by direct bank transfer by the deadline specified in the School's invoice.

**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.**

- 4.9 **Non-payment of Fees: refusal to attend the School:** We may refuse to allow your child to attend the School and/or withhold any references while the Fees remain unpaid or if there is a persistent failure by you to pay the Fees on time. This applies in addition to our right to terminate this contract under Clause 14.
- 4.10 **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 receive the relevant service while the applicable supplemental charge for that activity or service remains unpaid.
- 4.11 **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 4.6 and 4.8 above) we may charge interest to you on the overdue amount at the rate of two per cent (2%) per month above the base rate for the time being 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.
- 4.12 **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). Charges arising from default in the payment Fees or due to foreign currency translation or other fee collection and late payment charges will also be recovered.
- 4.13 **We can notify other educational institutions of your outstanding payments:** The School may make enquiries of your child's previous school(s) for confirmation that all sums due and owing to such school(s) have been paid. The School 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.**

- 4.14 **Fee increases:** We will review our Fees during the course of your child's education and may increase them. We give you notice of any increase not later than the final day of the Term before the increase is to take effect. If we:
- 4.14.1 give you notice of an increase to the Fees before the end of the penultimate Term before the increase is to take effect, you will have 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 5.1 below without having to pay Fees in lieu of notice

and without being responsible for the Fees for the next Term; or

4.14.2 give you notice of an increase in Fees which exceeds 7.5% later than the last day of the penultimate Term before the increase is to take effect, you will be entitled to withdraw your child from the start of the following Term 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. If you provide this notice you will not need to give a Term's notice or pay Fees in lieu of notice and will be able to withdraw your child without being responsible for Fees for the next Term; but

4.14.3 if we give you notice of an increase in fees which is both: (i) less than 7.5%; and (ii) given later than the last day of the penultimate Term before the increase is to take effect, then Clause 5.1 applies and you will need to provide either a Term's notice of your intention to withdraw your child from the School or pay fees in lieu of notice.

4.15 *Fees and supplemental charges will not be reduced due to your child's absence, etc:* Fees and supplemental charges will not be reduced or refunded or waived if:

4.15.1 your child is absent due to illness or otherwise;

4.15.2 as a result of your child being required to study from home as a result of us providing educational services remotely for whatever reason;

4.15.3 a Term is shorter than others (or shortened) or a vacation extended;

4.15.4 your child is released home before the normal end of a Term or otherwise withdrawn before the normal end of the Term;

4.15.5 the School is temporarily closed due, for example, to adverse weather conditions or any other event beyond the School's reasonable control; or

4.15.6 you withdraw your acceptance of a place for your child at the School or withdraw your child from the School.

See also Clause 15 for information about events beyond the control of the parties.

4.16 *Information on your identity and the source of funds:* From time to time, we may ask you to provide us with sufficient information so that we can properly and accurately verify to our satisfaction:

4.16.1 your identity;

4.16.2 your child's identity;

4.16.3 that you are not subject to, or within the purview of, any national or international financial, economic, trade, travel or other similar sanctions imposed by any competent authority;

4.16.4 your child's right to enter, live and study in the United Kingdom; and

4.16.5 the legitimate source of funds you are using to pay the fees.

You must provide the School with the information and documentation we ask for.

4.17 *Allocation of payments to your fees account:* Except where expressly agreed with you otherwise, the School will be entitled to allocate payments from you to your

account as it sees fit. For example, the School shall be entitled to allocate a payment made in respect of one of your children to the unpaid account of any other child of yours at the School.

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

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

## **5 Notice Requirements**

- 5.1 **Notice to withdraw your child from the School:** If you wish to withdraw your child from the School (other than at the normal leaving date, which is in the final year of the Early Years Classes or the Preparatory School (as applicable)), you must either give us a Term's notice to that effect or pay to the School a Term's Fees in lieu of notice, at the rate that would have been charged for the final Term of provision if a Term's notice had been given. The School will credit the Acceptance Deposit you have paid (without interest or any entitlement to repayment under Clause 2.2 above) to the payment of any such Fees in lieu of notice. 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) or pay the Fees in Lieu of notice referred to above.
- 5.2 **Notice to change your child's place at the School:** If you wish to change your child's place at the School (for example from a morning to an afternoon session in the Early Years Classes, or from a core to a full-time place in the Preparatory School), you must either give a Term's notice or pay the School the difference between the places as Fees in lieu of notice, at such rate as would have been charged for the final Term of their existing place at the School if a Term's notice had been given. Any changes to your child's place at the School are subject to the Headteacher's express and prior written consent. At the Headteacher's discretion, we may postpone or refuse a request. Any change of place is subject to the availability of places.
- 5.3 **When the relevant amount in lieu of notice must be paid:** In cases under Clause 5.1 or 5.2 above, the appropriate amount of Fees in lieu of notice will become payable by you on demand as a debt.
- 5.4 **Withdrawal part-way through a Term does not reduce the amount you owe to the School:** 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 ceasing to participate in an activity part-way through a Term.

## **6 School Rules**

- 6.1 **Compliance with the School Rules:** It is a condition of your child remaining at the School that you and your child (in each case to the extent applicable) comply with the School Rules. In addition, you must ensure that your child attends School punctually and that your child conforms to any rules of appearance, dress and

behaviour that we may issue (if not already included within the School Rules).

- 6.2 *Monitoring your child's telephone, email and messaging communications, internet and Wi-Fi use, and use of social media:* The School may, subject to applicable data protection legislation, monitor your child's telephone, email and messaging communication, internet and Wi-Fi use, and use of social media. We may do this for various reasons, including ensuring compliance with the School Rules or where it is appropriate or necessary for the School to do so 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**

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

- 7.2 *Where you can find examples of offences punishable by suspension and exclusion:* The School Rules set out examples of offences likely to be punishable by suspension or exclusion. These examples are not exhaustive and the Headteacher may decide that suspension or exclusion for a lesser offence is justified where there has been previous misbehaviour. All aspects of your child's record at the School may be taken into account.

- 7.3 *The Headteacher's discretion to require you to remove your child from the School:* Instead of expulsion or suspension, the Headteacher may in his or her discretion require you to remove your child permanently from the School if the Headteacher considers that:

- 7.3.1 **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;
- 7.3.2 your child's attendance or progress at the School is unsatisfactory and/or in the reasonable opinion of the Headteacher, the removal is in the School's best interests and/or those of your child or other children.

- 7.4 *What happens if your child is suspended, excluded or removed from the School:* Should the Headteacher exercise his or her right under either Clause 7.1 or Clause 7.3 above:

- 7.4.1 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, suspended or removed;
- 7.4.2 in respect of exclusions and required removals (but not in the cases of required removal under Clause 7.3.2) the Acceptance Deposit will be forfeited and retained by the School; and
- 7.4.3 in respect of exclusions and required removals, there will be no charge for Fees in lieu of notice and any Fees and/or supplemental charges that have been pre-paid for or relating to any Term after the Term in which the exclusion/required removal occurred will be refunded.

- 7.5 **Impact of exclusion or required removal on this contract:** This contract will terminate with immediate effect if your child is excluded or if you are required to remove your child from the School.
- 7.6 **Your right to have decisions to exclude or require the removal of your child reviewed:** You are entitled to have any decisions taken by the School and/or Headteacher to exclude or require the removal of your child under this Clause 7 reviewed. Any such review shall be governed by the final stage of the Complaints Policy.

## **8 The School's Obligations**

- 8.1 **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 and register your child on the School's statutory register from the time of joining the School until the end of his or her schooling in the Early Years Classes or Preparatory School (as applicable). If your child joins the Early Years Classes, we will guarantee him/her a place in the Preparatory School on the condition that you do not look to enrol him/her at any other school for their preparatory education (including by attending open days or sitting assessments at other schools). If you do so, your child will not have a guaranteed place at the Preparatory School and you will be required to join our waiting list.
- 8.2 **Moving up the School:** The School shall not be obliged to permit your child to move up the School or transition from the Early Years Classes to the Preparatory School unless satisfied that it is appropriate to do so having regard to his or her academic attainments and all other circumstances. The School may also impose conditions on your child moving up the School. However, except where the School agrees otherwise in writing and even where the School has imposed conditions on moving up the School, if you wish to withdraw your child prior to them entering the next class, Clause 5.1 applies and you must either give us either a Term's notice or pay us a Term's Fees in lieu of notice.
- 8.3 **The scope of our duty to exercise reasonable skill and care for your child's education and welfare:** While your child remains a pupil at 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 direct supervision of a member of School staff.
- 8.4 **Consent to participation in trips and visits, in sports activities:** Unless you notify us to the contrary, you consent to your child participating in contact and non-contact sports and other activities as part of the normal School programme or extra-curricular programme which may entail some risk of physical injury. You also consent to your child participating, under supervision, in trips and visits organised in the normal course of your child's schooling; and to your child travelling by any form of public transport and/or in a motor vehicle driven by a responsible adult who is licensed and insured to drive a vehicle of that type.
- 8.5 **What happens if your child needs urgent medical attention:** If your child requires urgent medical attention while under the School's care, we will
- 8.5.1 take action (for example, by contacting the emergency services);
- 8.5.2 try to contact you and, if we cannot contact you, try to contact any other named emergency contact, responsible adult or educational guardian;



- 8.5.3 share relevant information that we hold about your child with any emergency services or treating medical professional (for example, by notifying them about any allergies which your child has); and
- 8.5.4 where necessary, deal with decisions about your child's medical treatment in accordance with the advice of the treating medical professional.
- 8.6 *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)).
- 8.7 *We will give you notice of significant changes:* Wherever practicable, we will give you notice of any planned 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. For example, if a change is to take effect at the start of the Autumn Term, we would notify you before the end of the preceding Spring Term. 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 5.1 above.
- 8.8 *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 serious 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.

## **9 The Parents' Obligations**

- 9.1 *We require your co-operation:* In order to fulfil our obligations under this contract and to maintain a constructive relationship with you, we, the Headteacher and School staff, need your co-operation.
- 9.2 *Examples of the co-operation and assistance we require:* You must co-operate with the School and School staff in good faith, including by:
- 9.2.1 maintaining a constructive relationship with School staff, acting reasonably, and ensuring the tone, content, volume and/or nature of your communications with the School are reasonable and appropriate;
- 9.2.2 encouraging your child in his or her studies, and giving appropriate support at home;
- 9.2.3 keeping the School up-to-date and informed about 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);
- 9.2.4 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 them) are not withheld;
- 9.2.5 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

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

- 9.3 *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 Information Form* in respect of your child. You must inform the School of any health or medical condition, special educational need(s), disability or allergies that your child has at the time of joining the School or which subsequently changes or develops after joining the School, whether underlying, long-term, or short-term, including any infections. You must also provide us, whether upon further request by the School or otherwise, with any reports or materials relevant to any of the same and cooperate with the School in relation to such reports and materials. **If you withhold from us or otherwise misrepresent to us information of this nature in particular, please be aware that this may result in us exercising our right to end this contract under Clause 14.1.2 below.**
- 9.4 *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 may be required 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, 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).
- 9.5 *Releasing your child if he or she is unwell:* You must comply with the School's decision to release your child home if he/she is unwell.
- 9.6 *Your child's health:* The Headteacher may at any time require a medical opinion or certificate as to your child's general health where the Headteacher considers it to be in the interests of your child and/or the School community.
- 9.7 *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 their education or welfare.
- 9.8 *You must notify us of any court orders that relate to, or that may impact upon, the provision of education to your child:* 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. This 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; (iii) the payment of Fees and/or supplemental charges; and/or (iv) your exercise of Parental Responsibility in respect of your child. In any such circumstances you must (whether upon request or otherwise) promptly provide the School with relevant information, including copies of the relevant court order(s) or undertaking(s) (or the relevant parts of them) having obtained the permission of the court if necessary.
- 9.9 *We require you to nominate a 'responsible adult' for us to contact in your absence:* It is a condition of your child joining and remaining at the School that you complete and submit to the School a parental absence form for your child. This form will nominate a 'responsible adult' (or 'educational guardian') for you child who, among other things, can be contacted if the School is not able to contact you and

who can look after your child in your absence. You are responsible for ensuring that the School is provided with up to date contact details for your nominated responsible adult.

- 9.10 **We are entitled to expect that parents have consulted with each other regarding decisions relating to their 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 significant decisions regarding your child are concerned. Accordingly, except under Clause 9.11 below or otherwise according to the circumstances, you (and each of you) accept that the School is entitled to treat:

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

9.10.2 any communication from the School to one of you as having been given to both of you.

9.10.3

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

- 9.11 **We are entitled to require notices of withdrawal must be signed by all those with Parental Responsibility:** A notice of withdrawal of your child under this contract (ie, under any of Clauses 3.1, 4.14, 5.1, or 5.2) 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 your child have signed such notice).
- 9.12 **Residence during Term time:** During Term time your child must live with you (or one of you) or another nominated responsible adult. Your child must live within a reasonable distance of the School, for example within a ninety (90) minute commute. You must notify the Headteacher in writing immediately if your child will be residing during Term time under the care of someone other than you (or either of you).
- 9.13 **You must notify us of your child's absence from School:** The School must be informed as soon as possible in writing of any reason for your child's absence from School. You can do this by contacting [info@mulberryhouseschool.com](mailto:info@mulberryhouseschool.com). The School's prior consent should be sought for any absence from the School.
- 9.14 **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 be absent from your child's home overnight or for a twenty-four (24) hour period or longer, then you must notify 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.
- 9.15 **Raising concerns with the School and making formal complaints:** If you have a 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 School's Complaints Policy.

## **10 Insurance**

**Your responsibility to make your own insurance arrangements:** You must make your own insurance arrangements if you require cover for: (i) your child; (ii) your child's personal property while at School or on the way to and from School, or during any

School activity away from School premises; and/or (iii) for the payment of Fees due to absence of your child from the School, or the closure of the School's premises.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY** - *Although there will be circumstances when it is appropriate to seek parental consent, children's data protection and privacy rights are their own. The law considers that children of average maturity will have sufficient awareness of their own privacy to make certain choices relating to their personal data themselves. Parents' views remain important, but sometimes the law may require us to give more weight to the decision the child makes about his or her own privacy.*

*For most purposes, it will not in fact be necessary or practical for us to obtain consent from you (or your child) for the use we make of your (or your child's) personal data. The law recognises this but also requires that, as far as possible, we set out clearly what these uses are. Please also see our Privacy Policy which is available on the School's website.*

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

11.1 **References 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 (or received by us) will be confidential. We will take care to ensure that all information that is supplied by us 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.

11.2 **We will need to use information relating to your child, and to you, for certain purposes connected with the running of the School:** This will include name, contact details, school records, photographs and audio-visual recordings (including recordings of lessons), both whilst your child is at the School and after he or she has left, for the purposes of:

11.2.1 managing relationships between the School and current pupils/parents and fulfilling our obligations to you, including for educational and examination purposes, safeguarding, statutory reporting, health and safety, complaints, administration and processing of Fees;

11.2.2 promoting the School to prospective pupils/parents, publicising the School's activities and communicating with the School community and the body of former pupils.

In respect of sub-clause 11.2.2 this includes use of such information by the School in/on the School's prospectus (in whatever format or medium it is produced/made available), the School's website(s) and (where appropriate) the School's social media channels.

11.3 **You are required to update us of changes to information held, or in circumstances relating to, you and/or your child:** You must:

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

11.3.2 inform the School of any change to your 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 you or your child that has previously been notified to the School, including relevant contact details.

- 11.4 *We will send information (eg, School reports) about your child to both of you as a matter of course:* Any person who has Parental Responsibility for your child is entitled to receive certain core information about your child's progress and attainment. The School will therefore disclose such information to each such person as a matter of routine unless the School is restricted from doing so by a court order (or similar direction) or by any other legal requirements or obligation (for example, under data protection law).
- 11.5 *Data Protection Law:* The School will process personal data about you and your child in accordance with data protection law, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018 (as each is amended or superseded), and other related legislation. We will process such personal data:
- 11.5.1 as set out in this Clause 11 and in the School's *Privacy Notice* which is available on the School's website, as may be amended from time to time;
  - 11.5.2 in order to comply with any court order, request from or referral to an appropriate authority, or legal, regulatory or good practice requirement; and
  - 11.5.3 to perform our obligations under this contract, and where otherwise reasonably necessary for the School's purposes.
- 11.6 *Social Media:* You must not post photographs, images or recordings (audio or video) of, or write about, any prospective, current or former pupil (other than your own child), the School, fellow parents and/or School staff, on *Facebook, Twitter* or other social media unless you have satisfactory evidence of consent (and can provide it upon request) from, as the case may be, the relevant pupil (or their parents), the School, the fellow parents and/or the relevant member(s) of School staff.

## 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:* We may transfer our rights and obligations under this contract to another person or organisation. We will tell you in writing if this happens and we will ensure that the transfer will not affect your rights under this contract.

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

## 14 Ending this Contract

- 14.1 *Our rights to end this contract:* In addition to where this contract is terminated automatically as a result of an exclusion or required removal under Clause 7, 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:

- 14.1.1 you do not make a payment to us when it is due and you still do not make payment within fourteen (14) days of us reminding you that such payment is due;
- 14.1.2 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 your child is legally entitled to enter, reside and/or study in the United Kingdom when in fact you/your child is not, or any information about your child's health, medical condition, special educational needs, disability or allergies);
- 14.1.3 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;
- 14.1.4 you fail or refuse to provide us at any time with information we require under Clause 4.16 to verify to our satisfaction: your identity; your child's identity; your child's right to enter and study in the United Kingdom; the legitimate source of funds you are using to pay the fees; that you are not subject to any sanctions; or, in light of the information you do provide (if any), we are not satisfied that it properly and accurately verifies any of the foregoing. Instead of ending this contract, we may otherwise refuse to allow your child to attend the School until the relevant satisfactory information has been provided;
- 14.1.5 you (or either of you):
- (a) are unable, following our request, to demonstrate that you will be able to pay the Fees due under this contract;
  - (b) repeatedly or persistently fail to pay the Fees when they fall due for payment;
  - (c) are otherwise unable to pay your debts as they fall due;
  - (d) are the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; or
  - (e) enter into an individual voluntary arrangement; or
- 14.1.6 you otherwise do not comply with (i.e. you breach) your obligations under this contract such that we have a legal right to end the contract because of something you have done wrong or, in the Headteacher'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.
- 14.2 **Your rights to end the contract:** You may end this contract at any time by notice in writing to the School if:
- 14.2.1 you have a legal right to end the contract because of something we have done wrong; or
- 14.2.2 the School becomes insolvent or goes into liquidation or receivership or administrative receivership or is wound-up for any reason.

- 14.3 *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 at the end of your child's schooling which is the end of the last year of their schooling in the Early Years Classes or the Preparatory School (as applicable).
- 14.4 *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, for example your obligation to pay any outstanding invoices, Fees or supplemental charges. After this contract ends, you and the School will keep any rights each of us have under, or as a matter of, general law.

## 15 Events outside our, or your, control

- 15.1 *What we mean by an "event outside of our/your control":* We mean any event beyond either your or our reasonable control including acts of God, war, riot, civil commotion, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation, guidance 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 such events outside our/your control as an "event".
- 15.2 *What happens if we are affected by an event outside of our control:* If an event 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, 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).
- 15.3 *Events lasting more than 6 months:* If the School is wholly and completely prevented from performing all of its obligations as a result of an event (and is unable to provide educational services remotely) 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.
- 15.4 *What happens if your child is affected by any event outside of your control:* Subject to Clause 4.15 (which means that you are not entitled to a refund or reduction in Fees in cases of illness or absence), if your child is wholly and completely unable to participate in the provision of any education at the School or remotely due to reasons caused by an event you shall give the School notice in writing of such circumstances and the following provisions shall apply:
- 15.4.1 in consultation and cooperation with the School you shall do everything you reasonably can to minimise the impact of the event in order to continue to perform your obligations under this contract in any way that is reasonably practicable in the circumstances; and resume the performance of the obligations as soon as reasonably possible;
- 15.4.2 in circumstances where, following the efforts made and steps taken under sub-clause 15.4.1 above, your child is not able to participate and benefit from any level of provision of education by the School (whether at School or remotely) then you shall not be responsible for failing to perform your obligations (including the obligation to pay Fees, pro-rated accordingly) during the continuance of the event; and

- 15.4.3 if the event continues to prevent your child wholly and completely from attending the School or being able to participate and benefit from any level of provision of education by the School (whether at School or remotely) 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 or the School shall be entitled to cancel the contract on written notice to the School and without you being required to give a Term's notice or pay a Term's Fees in lieu of notice.

## **16 Communications between you and the School**

- 16.1 **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.
- 16.2 **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 immediately of any change of address(es) or other contact details.**
- 16.3 **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 Headteacher and either:
- 16.3.1 sent by email to the School using this email address  
bursar@mulberryhouseschool.com;
- 16.3.2 delivered by hand to the School;
- 16.3.3 sent to the School by recorded or other form of registered post requiring a signature upon receipt as proof of delivery; or
- 16.3.4 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 if you wish to serve notice under any of Clauses 3, 4.14, 5.1, or 5.2 of these terms and conditions (which are the provisions dealing with withdrawing your child from the School or otherwise changing their place), you telephone the School to confirm receipt if you have not received an acknowledgement from us within 48 hours (during Term-time) and within 14 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**

- 17.1 **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 Courts of England and Wales.
- 17.2 **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. If we cannot enforce any part of this contract, this will not affect our right to enforce the rest of this contract.



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**18**     **Changes to these Terms and Conditions**

- 18.1     ***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 and the most up to date version of the terms and conditions will be available on the School's website. 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. For example, if the updated terms and conditions are to take effect at the start of the Autumn Term, we will notify you before the end of the preceding Spring Term.

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