



Academy & Arts College

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Abbs Cross Academy intends to make sure that all students achieve their best. It demands high standards of work and behaviour from students.

Teachers do their best to make sure that every student achieves.

We work to provide learning experiences which challenge students, build self esteem and confidence and so enable them to take up their responsibilities as adults, members of the community and at work.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is vital if all students are to benefit from the education that we provide and achieve their potential.

Regular attendance at school is required by law. Parents have legal responsibility to make sure their children attend school regularly. The attendance rate should be 95%.

If a child is absent, parents must inform the school immediately about the reasons for the absence by phoning or sending a medical certificate or letter.

Dental or other appointments must be made outside school hours, unless this is totally unavoidable.

Family holidays must be taken during school closures.

If your child does not attend school regularly, we will ensure that we do everything possible to support and encourage their return to school. Ultimately, we might refer the matter to the Education Welfare Officer/Social Services.

Punctuality is an important part of self-discipline and is essential to have good time management. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time every day.

A detailed copy of the school's attendance policy and school term dates and holidays can be obtained from the office.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- The school will reward students who work
- The school will inform parents about low standards of attendance, lateness, uniform, equipment, schoolwork and homework
- The school will set homework regularly
- The school will make clear to students and parents the standards expected for good work and behaviour and what will happen if these standards are not kept

- The school will invite parents to Parents' Evenings to discuss progress and achievement
- The school will provide written reports on progress, achievement and standards
- The school will deal seriously and sensitively with parents' concerns
- The school will work with parents in dealing with any problems that develop about attendance, lateness, uniform, behaviour, homework, achievement and bullying
- Examination entries are at the discretion of the school

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- My child will attend school, regularly, on time, properly equipped and not go on holiday in term time
- I will tell the school the reason every time my child is absent
- I will support my child in good behaviour and support the school code of conduct
- I will support my child in doing homework and learning at home
- I will tell the school about any changes at home which may affect my child's school life
- I will make the school aware of any changes my child's address or my personal contact details
- I will attend Parents' Evenings and information meetings
- If I am unhappy about any events at school, I will tell my child's Achievement Team Leader or Year Care Team Person
- I will ensure that my child will not cause any defamation on social media against a member of staff, the school's name, another student or their family
- I will allow my child to be spoken to by members of staff if he/she is involved in an incident (including as a witness) in and outside school hours in order to maintain a safe learning environment within the school
- My child will cooperate with members of staff if they are involved in an incident in and outside school hours (including as a witness) in order to facilitate its resolution

I will work with the school and meet with teachers if problems arise over issues such as: lateness, uniform, behaviour, homework, achievement or bullying.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We expect all students to be in full school uniform and suitably dressed for P.E., Games and Swimming. Parents can contact our outfitters through their website – www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk or by telephone 07880 838732. A uniform price list can be obtained from the School Office.

We expect all students to be in full school uniform and be suitably dressed for P.E., Games and Swimming. Should you have a problem with the uniform, parents will need to write a note to the Achievement Team Leader or Year Care Team person (please see the student diary for more further information regarding uniform and appearance).

Coat	black / dark grey / navy blue (no logos larger than 3 inches in diameter)
Blazer	black with school badge
Jumper (optional)	black, plain, v-necked with school logo
Blouse/Shirt	white, plain – no motif or any kind – to be tucked in to skirt / trousers with the top button fastened
Trousers	black classic tailored style and full length - there should be no close fitting / skinny cut trousers, jeans, cords, 'jean-type' material, lycra or leggings type trousers
Skirts	black box pleated and to reach the knees - no lycra
Ties	school tie worn with the logo showing beneath the knot

Shoes	black formal, traditional, sturdy shoes – no trainers – no boots
Socks	white ankle socks for girls / black socks for boys
Tights	black

Headscarf and any hair accessories (if worn) black or white

No coats are to be worn inside the school building.

No hats to be worn inside the building.

No baseball caps allowed on the school site.

No coloured nail varnish, false nails/acrylics and no make-up (including false eyelashes).

No hooded sweatshirts allowed on the school site.

No sports jackets, denim jackets, tracksuit tops or fur coats to be worn.

The school uniform is to be worn correctly at all times including travel to and from school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SWIMMING AND GAMES REQUIREMENTS

Plain emerald green top – with school logo

Plain black tracksuit bottoms – with school logo

Plain black fleece jacket – with school logo

Plain black shorts – with school logo

Plain emerald green PE socks

Trainers – not boots

Plain black swimming costume/trunks (not shorts)

Swimming hat for pupils with long hair

Towel

JEWELLERY AND VALUABLES

The only jewellery allowed is a wrist watch – no SMART watches or FitBits allowed.

There are to be –

- No earrings worn on the school site
- No nose, lip, tongue or face studs/piercings
- No bracelets, rings or necklaces

Large amounts of money and expensive personal effects should not be brought on to the school site.

Abbs Cross Academy will not be responsible for investigating damage, loss or theft of any valuables brought on to the school site.

HAIR

No unnatural colours in hair and no lines in hair

No shaved head or sides of head shaved (minimum blade number 1.5mm)

No Mohican hairstyles

No hair jewellery

No lines in eyebrows

POLICY ON DETENTIONS

At Abbs Cross Academy, detentions are given to make sure students abide by the values in our school's 'Code of Conduct' and the work ethic that we believe in.

Some of the reasons for giving detentions are:

- Poor behaviour in class, corridors or outside school whilst wearing our school uniform
- Arriving late for school or lessons
- Being incorrectly dressed for school or PE lessons
- Not bringing the correct equipment for lessons
- Failing to produce homework

Formal detentions take place after school and are for either 30 minutes, 60 minutes or an SLT detn of 90 minutes. Parents are given at least 24 hours notice of a formal detention. Detentions are written in the students diaries. Parents are asked to check the diaries weekly and sign next to the entry of any detentions.

The Law states that we can use detentions as a sanction and that we can keep students after school for 20 minutes without any prior warning to parents.

MOBILE PHONES

A number of students have mobile phones. Abbs Cross Academy fully supports parents who for safety reasons want their children to be able to speak to them in an emergency.

However, we cannot allow mobile phones to interrupt education. The following rules will be strictly enforced:

- Abbs Cross Academy will not be responsible for investigating damage, loss or theft of a mobile phone
- All phones must be switched off during the school day and must not be seen
- Any phones seen on the school site, at any point during the school day, will be confiscated and handed in to the school office for collection by the student at the end of the day. If there is a repeat of a mobile being used during the school day the parent will be informed and will have to come to the school to collect the mobile phone.