

# **URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL**

## **AGREEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS**



Each member of our school community has certain responsibilities and rights which must be agreed.

The Ursuline High School agrees to give your daughter:

- ✓ A safe and secure environment.
- ✓ A good knowledge of Roman Catholic teaching and of Serviam as modelled through the counsels of St Angela Merici.
- ✓ Opportunities to deepen faith through participation in prayer, worship, reflection and retreats.
- ✓ An education based on high expectations in respect of progress, attainment and behaviour for learning.
- ✓ Lessons that are challenging and engaging with on-going verbal and written dialogue about her progress.
- ✓ Regular and challenging homework.
- ✓ Motivating and encouraging through praise and rewards.
- ✓ Opportunities to make the most of her talents and to develop resilience, independence and leadership.
- ✓ An awareness of her responsibilities and rights within school.
- ✓ Excellent access to pastoral supporting her emotional well-being.
- ✓ Confidence to challenge racism and promote racial justice.
- ✓ An inclusive school where all students are valued.

**Signature of Headteacher:**



As a Student at The Ursuline High School, I agree to

- ✓ Do my best in developing my skills and talents.
- ✓ Use my skills and talents in service of others and the school and the wider community in the spirit of Serviam.
- ✓ Take part in prayer and worship in a spirit of openness and respect.
- ✓ Attend school every day.
- ✓ Be punctual every day.
- ✓ Comply with the Ursuline dress code.
- ✓ Take care of personal belongings and school property.
- ✓ Work to the best of my ability.
- ✓ Respect all teachers, adults and other students in the school community.
- ✓ Be kind and sensitive towards the feelings of others.
- ✓ Take pride in my school.
- ✓ Take part in extra-curricular activities/clubs after school and record this in my Serviam Passport.
- ✓ Be responsible for my actions and my education and abide by the behaviour policy of the school.
- ✓ Report any perceived incidents of racism experienced or witnessed to a member of staff immediately.
- ✓ Follow the school's **ICT, Smart Devices and Social Media** policies and guidance (see pages 4&5 for a summary).
- ✓ Maintain good standards of behaviour in school, on the way to and from school and outside of school.
- ✓ Travel directly to and from school in friendship groups of no more than 4.
- ✓ Come to school prepared for learning with full equipment, including planner, laptop, books, mini whiteboard and green pen.



As Parents/Carers I/We agree to

- ✓ Encourage and support my/our daughter's faith journey.
- ✓ Support the Roman Catholic ethos of the school 'Serviam.'
- ✓ To encourage my/our daughter to participate in opportunities for prayer, worship and reflection, retreats, clubs after school.
- ✓ Ensure excellent attendance and punctuality and to inform the school promptly about any reason for absence.
- ✓ Oversee and ensure homework is completed, by signing and monitoring of school planner.
- ✓ Monitor my/our daughter's progress and support her learning at home.
- ✓ Attend the parent evening and academic review days of my/our daughter and any special appointments if requested.
- ✓ Keep my/our daughter in the correct uniform.
- ✓ Ensure that school property is looked after and replaced if lost or damaged.
- ✓ Support the discipline policy of the school.
- ✓ Support the anti-racism policy of the school and report any incidents of racism to a member of staff for support immediately.
- ✓ Give support to the school by attending school events.
- ✓ Help my/our daughter develop an awareness of her responsibilities and rights.
- ✓ Work with the school and listen to the school before making judgements and reaching decisions.
- ✓ Help keep my daughter safe online and follow the school's **ICT, Smart Devices and Social Media** policies and guidance (see pages 4&5 for summary).



## Parental **online safety** agreement

**ICT, Internet, Smart Devices and Social Media:** As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil(s) named below, I/we grant permission for the school to give my daughter access to:

- the Internet at school
- the school's chosen email system
- the school's online managed learning environment
- ICT facilities and equipment at the school.

- ✓ I/we accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials.
- ✓ I/we understand that Smart Watches are not permitted on school premises. We will ensure they are kept at home.
- ✓ I/we understand that regardless of the phone make/model, and in accordance with academic research, Government guidance and our [Digital Learning & Safety Policy](#), if you choose to send your daughter to school with a phone, that it must be switched off, placed in their padlocked locker at the start of the day and remain there until the end of the school day. Any phones seen or heard in school will be confiscated. A reminder that Smart Watches are not permitted on site.
- ✓ I/we understand that if a phone/smart device is confiscated that a letter will be sent home to inform parents and request that they collect the phone from Student Services, and that the confiscated phone/smart watch will not be returned the same day.
- ✓ I/we will not take and then share online, photographs or videos of other children (or staff) at school events without permission.
- ✓ **Social networking and messaging/media sites:** I understand that the school has a clear policy on "The use of social networking and media sites" and I support this. I understand that the school takes any inappropriate behaviour seriously and will respond to observed or reported inappropriate or unsafe behaviour. There will be consequences for anyone found to be using their phone or engaging in social media 'for bad'.
- ✓ I/we understand that regardless of whether they are of legal minimum age, if students do use social media/messaging sites, this will be taken into consideration when dealing with issues raised.
- ✓ I/we understand that it is my responsibility as parent/carer to check that my daughter's use of computers, smart devices, gaming and social media is age appropriate. I will ensure my daughter/s do not sign up to use social media/gaming until they are of at least the minimum age (currently 13).



- ✓ I/we will support the school by promoting safe use of phones, the Internet and other digital technology at home. I understand the importance of keeping our young people safe, ensuring they grow up to be media literate and have digital boundaries. I will do my best to hold regular discussions within the household around online safety, and the expected behaviour and etiquette. I will inform the school if I have any concerns.
- ✓ I/we understand that the school can, if necessary, check my child's devices, files, and internet sites/apps they visit at school and outside of school and if there are concerns about my child's online safety or online behaviour, they will contact me.
- ✓ I/we understand that students should be free from ICT screens/mobile phones for an hour before bedtime and that phones/other devices should be used/kept outside bedrooms especially overnight.
- ✓ I/we will not post libellous or defamatory comments on messaging sites/social media sites that could cause harm or distress to the school, staff, other parents or students in the school or outside of school.
- ✓ I/we understand that should we not adhere to the school's policy on [Digital Learning & Safety Policy](#) access to the school provided resources may be restricted.

## **Social Media**

Social media includes but is not limited to BeReal, Discord, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Snapchat, TikTok, X, WhatsApp and YouTube.

Social media currently has a minimum age of 13+. However, many experts, educators and parents believe social media is not suitable for young teens. The Online Safety Bill was introduced in 2023 and there is widespread campaigning for the minimum age to be raised to 16+. We'd therefore recommend parents do their research to help make an informed decision about whether to give your children access once they reach 13.

For more information and guidance, see resources linked below.

## **Additional Resources**

[Digital Learning & Safety Policy](#)

[Smart Devices & Social Media Statement \(guidance, resources and recommendations\)](#)

[Keeping safe online: parent advice and resources library](#)

[CEOP: the UK's law enforcement agency helping to keep children safe online](#)