



GAUTENG **CITY** COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT / LEARNER CONTRACT

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CONTRACT

PARENT-LEARNER CONTRACT

Any of the clauses within the parent-learner Contract that appear in bold text may limit the liability of the School and/or require the Parents to indemnify the School and/or place obligations on the Parents.

These clauses should be carefully read and noted.

The rights and obligations that Parents and the School have under this Parent-learner Contract are in addition to and in no way affect the statutory rights and remedies they have in terms of the Consumer Protection Act or any other legislation. Nothing in the Parent-learner Contract is intended to or must be understood to unlawfully restrict, limit or avoid any rights or obligations created in favour of the Parents, the learners or the school.

1. INTERPRETATION

Where the first letter in the word(s) is in capital letter(s) the Parents must refer to clause 1 (one) of the Learner Admission Contract where they will find the meanings of the terms. Unless the context requires otherwise:

- 1.2 **“Additional Fees”** means any form of contribution of a monetary nature paid/owing by the Account Holder that is not included in the definition of School Fees, Enrolment or Registration Fees or Annual Re-registration Fees. Additional Fees shall include, but not be limited to, bus or travel fees, tablet fees, excursion fees, educational levies, school uniform costs and cost of stationery purchased from the School and the like. Additional Fees may be communicated in the Annual Fee Letter or by Additional Fee Notice to the Parents and Account Holders at any time during the school year.
- 1 **“Additional Fee Notice”** means a letter provided to Parents and Account Holders by the School, from time to time, setting out Additional Fees not recorded in the Annual Fee Letter.
- 1.4 **“Admission Application Form”** means the standard Admission Application Form, titled Application for Admission Form, in relation to the School, provided to and completed and signed by the Parents in applying for the Learner’s admission and to which the Parent-learner Contract is attached, or should a Learner already be enrolled at the School and the Parents have completed an admission form previously then the personal particulars of the Parents, Learner and Account Holder, as set out in that admission form, shall solely be included in this Parent-learner Contract with the exclusion of all other clauses set out in the admission form which have been substituted herein;
- 1.5 **“Annual Fee Letter”** means a letter provided to Parents and Account Holders, annually, by the school, setting out School Fees, Enrolment or Registration Fees, Annual Re-registration Fees and Additional Fees.
- 1.6 **“Annual Re-registration Fee”** means, where applicable, an annual fee payable by the Account Holder to reapply and re-register at the School.
- 1.7 **“Calendar Month”** means any one of the twelve months of the year, calculated from the first day to the last day of the specific month.
- 1.8 **“Code of Conduct”** means the Gauteng City College High School policy that describes the conduct the School expects from all its Learners including, but not limited to Learner conduct in the classroom, on the sports field, during all school events, on the school campus and at any other time where a Learner will, through association, be representing the School. The Code of Conduct aims to provide a suitable environment to accommodate learning excellence and to, amongst other aspects, uphold the principles of integrity, honesty, respect, high morals, consideration for others, good manners and punctuality.
- 1.9 **“Consumer Protection Act”** means the Consumer Protection Act, No. 68 of 2008, and all its regulations, and as amended from time to time.
- 1.10 **“Gauteng City College High School”** means Gauteng City College (PTY) LTD 2012/18586/07
- 1.11 **“Gauteng City College High School Policies”** means all external policies published as part of the Gauteng City College High School policy structure, as revised from time to time, which are applicable to all schools managed by Gauteng City College High School and which includes inter alia the Gauteng City College High School Fees Policy, the Gauteng City College High School Debtor Management Policy, the School’s Constitution, the School’s Admissions Policy, the Gauteng City College High School Code of Conduct, the Gauteng City College High School Dress Code Policy, the Gauteng City College High School After-care Policy, the Gauteng City College High School Hostels Policy, the Gauteng City College High School’s Transport Policy, and the Gauteng City College High School Parent and Guardian Protocol Policy.
- 1.12 **“Education Services”** means the services as described in the constitution of the school and which forms part of the Gauteng City College High School Policies.
- 1.13 **“Enrolment or Registration Fee”** means a fee payable by all new Account Holders enrolling at the School and, which in terms of the relevant Gauteng City College High School Policies, is non-refundable.
- 1.14 **“Learner”** means any child accepted and admitted as a Learner at the School following application for such admission, by the Parents, in terms of an Admission Application Form and the Parent-learner Contract.
- 1.15 **“Parent-learner Contract”** means this document read together with the Admission Application Form, the Gauteng City College High School Policies and any School Specific Policies and School Rules. All policies are available to Parents and Account Holders at the relevant School’s office. The Gauteng City College High School Policies are also available on the main Gauteng City College High School website and School Specific Policies and School Rules on the School’s web-page.
- 1.16 **“Learner Disciplinary Policy”** means the Gauteng City College High School policy that guides the School’s principles of positive and fair discipline and the

consistent application of appropriate, disciplinary measures where necessary.

- 1.17 **“Learner Personal Information Policy”** means the Gauteng City College High School policy that promotes the protection of personal information of Learners and ensures that the Learners’ right to privacy are protected, subject to justifiable limitations, and are in line with the Protection of Personal Information Act of 2013.
- 1.18 **“Parents”** means each of the persons indicated in the Admission Application Form as the parents and/or legal guardians of each learner referred to in such Admission Application Form and who sign this Parent-learner Contract as the “Parents”. Throughout this Parent-learner Contract reference is made to “Parents” instead of “Parent” or a guardian, and the reason for this is that in many instances both Parents and/or guardians will sign the Parent-learner Contract, and therefore if the Parent-learner Contract is signed by one Parent or guardian only (if a Learner only has one parent/guardian who has care/contact in respect of the Learner), all references in the Parent-learner Contract to “Parents” should be read as if those references are to that Parent or guardian. Account Holders are included in the definition of “Parents” to the extent that the Account Holder may differ from the “Parent/s” as set out in the Admission Application Form.
- 1.19 **“Parties”** means the parties to this Parent-learner Contract, being the Parents, Account Holder and the School.
- 1.20 **“School”** means the school operating from the physical address referred to in the Admission Application Form or such different name given to the School from time to time.
- 1.21 **“Schools Act”** means the South African Schools Act, No. 84 of 1996, and as amended from time to time.
- 1.22 **“School Fees”** means the amount contained in the Annual Fee Letter or a different amount determined in accordance with the Parent-learner Contract.
- 1.23 **“School Head”** means the Principal or, he or she being the individual responsible for ensuring the provision of the Education Services on a day-to-day basis, and includes with reference to any particular Education Service any person to whom the Principal has delegated his or her functions in respect of such service.
- 1.24 **“School Hours”** means those times (of which Parents will be made aware from time to time) during which the School will make available Education Services on the School Premises.
- 1.25 **“School Premises or School Facilities”** means the grounds and property (including buildings, school fields, furniture, furnishings and equipment) which will be provided to Learners, and in respect of which the access of the general public will be appropriately limited having due regard to the fact that a school will be operating on and from the school premises.
- 1.26 **“School Specific Policies and School Rules”** means

the School policies and rules developed for the specific School (as amended from time to time), in addition to the Gauteng City College High School Policies, as controlled by the Policy on the Development of School Specific Policies, Rules and Procedures and which, amongst other aspects, governs the conduct and the behaviour of Parents and/or Learners in relation to the School and in relation to other Learners and Parents.

- 1.27 **“School Term”** means each term of the school year as notified by the School to the Parents from time to time, and
- 1.28 **“School Transport”** means appropriately registered and licensed public transportation services, as further described in the relevant Gauteng City College High School Policies, provided by the School itself, or independent contractors appointed by the School, for use by Learners as a bus service to and from the School (for the avoidance of doubt, the Schools may elect in the sole and absolute discretion whether or not to make the aforementioned transport services available to its Learners).

2. GENERAL TERMS OF ENROLMENT

- 2.1 Should the Learner’s application for admission be successful, the School agrees to enrol the Learner upon and subject to the terms and conditions of the Parent-learner Contract. The School reserves the right to apply for a full credit check on the Parents, including contacting any previous schools that the prospective learner has attended, in order to assess amongst other aspects, the Parents’ financial means in order to assess their ability to satisfy the financial obligations as set out in the Parent-learner Contract. **The Parents hereby authorise the School and/or any of its associates to conduct any credit inquiries on the Parents as may be necessary from time to time. The Parents hereby give the School permission and authorisation to supply consumer credit information to any debt collectors and/or credit bureaux (and in this regard it is recorded and acknowledged by the Parents that the School may transmit to any debt collectors and/or credit bureaux data about this Parent-learner Contract as well as information on the non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this Parent-learner Contract by the Parents).**
- 2.2 **The South African Schools Act established a national schooling system and recognises two categories of schools: public and independent. Public schools are state controlled and independent schools are privately governed. It is recorded that Parents have a wide range of schooling options for their children in South Africa, whether in public schools, independent schools or through home schooling. Gauteng City College High School carries the full financial risk when erecting school buildings and other infrastructure and employing staff members. The costs involved in operating the School are primarily funded by School Fees. In the competitive South African education services market, Gauteng City College High School strives to make available and render a high standard of education as this is expected by both Parents and**

Learners. The School must accordingly financially budget to achieve and maintain superior quality education and if the Parents are unable to meet their financial obligations in terms of the Parent-learner Contract, the quality of education offered at the School will suffer.

2.3 **A Learner shall be enrolled for one academic year only. Each Learner will be required to be re- admitted on an annual basis and may be required to pay the Annual Re-registration Fee (where applicable). An existing Learner will be regarded as automatically having applied for re-admission, save for where the School is formally informed that the existing Learner is leaving the School. The Learner's application will then be considered by the School who may re-admit the Learner at the sole discretion of the School. Re-applications might be unsuccessful in the case of, for example, if the Learner no longer meets the age group for the grade applied for, serious disciplinary issues involving the Learner, or failure on the Learners part to comply with the School Specific Policies and School Rules or the contractual failure of the Parents or the Account Holders. For the avoidance of doubt, the aforementioned cases are not meant as an exhaustive list and in no way limit the School's discretion to refuse any application for re-admission.**

2.4 **The Parents of each Learner agrees to sign an updated Parent-learner Contract should the School require them to do so. Furthermore, even though the Parent-learner Contract has been signed by the Parties, the Parent-learner Contract may still be cancelled by the School as a result of, for example, non-payment of School Fees by the Parents. The Learner may, as a result, not be able to attend the School or if already present may be required to leave the School. A Learner will not be allowed to attend the School at the beginning of the first School Term, of any school year, until all amounts which are due for payment before the beginning of the first School Term of the school year have been paid. The amount due will include, in the case of a school year, all overdue amounts which remain unpaid from the previous school year by the Parents (including any legal costs and other costs incurred by the School to recover School Fees) in terms of the Parent-learner Contract.**

2.5 The School reserves the right to contact any previous school that the prospective learner has attended, in order to obtain a reference for the Learner and the Parents.

2.6 The School shall only be bound by the Parent-learner Contract if it has been signed by or on behalf of the Parent/s and the School. The Principal, or his/her duly authorised representative, is collectively authorised by the School to sign the Parent-learner Contract, or any other relevant documentation, on the School's behalf. The School shall however be entitled to waive compliance with the requirement that the Parent-learner Contract be signed by one or more of the Parents or the School. **Should the Parent-learner Contract not be signed by all of the Parents it shall not affect or limit the liability of those Parents on whose behalf it was signed.**

2.7 School attendance by the Learner is compulsory in terms of the Schools Act. The School must therefore be provided with any information in respect of casual or prolonged absence from the School by the Learner. Parents and Learners agree to approach such absences in the manner described by the relevant Gauteng City College High School Policies and other School Specific Policies and School Rules that might be implemented from time to time.

2.8 If the Parents have any queries, concerns and/or complaints relating to the School and/or a Learner's involvement in the School and/or any matter arising out of the Parent-learner Contract it must be raised, in writing, with the Principal or his/her delegate.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL

3.1 The Principal or his/her duly authorised representative has sole discretion to admit and enrol a prospective learner or to refuse a prospective learner without giving reasons. The Principal or his/ her duly authorised representative may, at his/her sole discretion, grant temporary enrolment to a prospective learner, subject to any terms and conditions that the Principal may impose, at his/her discretion. The Principal may cancel the enrolment (including temporary enrolment) of a Learner in accordance with the Parent-learner Contract and the relevant Gauteng City College High School Policies, including the Gauteng City College High School Admissions Policy, the Gauteng City College High School Admissions Procedure, the Gauteng City College High School Code of Conduct, and School Specific Policies or School Rules.

3.2 **Until the Parent-learner Contract is signed by the Parties and the Enrolment or Registration Fee or Annual Re-registration Fee (where applicable) is paid, nothing in the Parent-learner Contract shall be construed as a representation or warranty made by the School to the Parents or the Learner that the prospective Learner will in fact be admitted.**

3.3 While the Learner is enrolled at the School the staff of the School undertakes to exercise reasonable care in respect of the Learner's education and welfare during School Hours and/or when the Learner is permitted or required to be on the School Premises and/or when the Learner is attending a school activity.

3.4 The School shall provide Education Services for the benefit of such Learner and other Learners at the School during School Hours or extracurricular activities and in doing so will exercise skill and care.

3.5 The School will at all times but within reason maintain, service, repair or replace the School Facilities from time to time, to the extent that the School in its sole discretion is of the opinion that such work may in fact be required or as required by relevant education facility legislation.

3.6 The School shall provide the Parents with the bank account details into which all payments must, from time to time, be made by the Parents.

3.7 The School will monitor each Learner's progress and

on a regular basis generate and send to the Parents progress report cards. Where there is any concern about a Learner's progress, the School will arrange for a meeting with the Parents to discuss and deal with the concerns. Without creating any further obligations for the School, it will for an initial period of 3 (three) calendar months after a new Learner has started school, use its best endeavours to identify any physical, mental or emotional conditions that may cause any obstacle to or difficulty in or restriction on a Learner's learning ability. Should further diagnosis be required, after the aforementioned initial period, the School will arrange for an appropriate assessment by an appropriately qualified and experienced professional after making the required written recommendation to the Parents and only after it has received a written request and consent from the Parents. The cost of the assessment will be at the cost of the Parents. The Parents will at all times have the right to seek a diagnosis from a suitably qualified and experienced professional of their choice and will not be obliged to use the services of a professional suggested by the School. Whilst the School itself may be able to identify possible Learner specific conditions or educational needs, it is not in a position to diagnose the Learner with any specific medical condition or special educational needs. The School specifically draws the Parents' attention to the fact that the School's Facilities and resources may limit its ability to provide a high quality of education to Learners with special needs. The Principal may in his/her sole discretion cancel the Parent-learner Contract should the School no longer be able to provide adequate education to a Learner with special education needs. The payment of School Fees is dealt with in clause 5 below.

4. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARENTS

- 4.1 The Parents must assist the School by ensuring that:
 - 4.1.1 they fulfil all of their obligations contained in this Parent-learner Contract;
 - 4.1.2 they encourage and assist the Learner in his/her studies by giving appropriate support at home;
 - 4.1.3 they maintain a positive and respectful relationship with the School, its Learners and all of its staff;
 - 4.1.4 they attend meetings when requested to by the School and keep communication with the School open, informing the School of any matters that affect the well-being of the Learner;
 - 4.1.5 they provide the School with any changes to the Parents and/or Learner's personal information that is contained in the Admission Application Form including change of address and/or contact numbers, within two weeks of becoming aware of the change;
 - 4.1.6 **they confirm that all of the information that they have provided/will provide to the School is both true and correct. Should Parents withhold information from the School, and the information is considered**

important and relevant by the School, the School may elect to cancel the Parent-learner Contract, in terms of clause 7 (seven) of the Learner

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- 4.1.7 they inform the School, in writing and before the Learner attends school, of a Learner's special education needs, whether physical, including hearing impairment, visual impairment, or neurological impairment; or behavioural; or emotional; or any other medically assessed special need;
- 4.1.8 **they acknowledge and accept full responsibility for the Learner after the notified finishing time of any particular school day or school related activity or event, whether the Learner is on the School Premises or not, and**
- 4.1.9 **they acknowledge that they have read and understood each of the Gauteng City College High School Policies, the School Specific Policies and School Rules relevant to this Parent-learner Contract and agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained therein. Furthermore, they agree to abide by any other School Specific Policies and School Rules that the School may prescribe from time to time. The Parents will ensure that the Learner, any other guardian/parent of the Learner, the Account Holder, or any person who has rights of control and makes decisions in respect of the Learner shall abide by the Gauteng City College High School Policies, the School Specific Policies and School Rules. The Parents agree to support the School and the conditions/rules contained in the Gauteng City College High School Policies, the School Specific Policies and School Rules. The School shall ensure that copies of the aforementioned policies are available, free of charge, at the School office**

5. FEES AND PAYMENTS

- 5.1 At the commencement of this Parent-learner Contract, the School Fees, Enrolment and Registration Fees, Annual Re-registration Fees and Additional Fees for each Learner as set out in the Annual Fee Letter are payable by the date(s) and in the manner and at the place described in such Annual Fee Letter.
- 5.2 **Parents should immediately inform the School if the Annual Fee Letter is not received within 7 (seven) days after the commencement of the first School Term. The failure by the School to make the Annual Fee Letter available to Parents shall not absolve the Parents from payment of any fees as contained therein and it is the Parents responsibility to verify the applicable fees payable.**
- 5.3 The Parents agree to reimburse to the School any expenses that the School incurs on behalf of or in relation to the Learner, such as emergency medical expenses. Proof of such expenses will be made available to Parents on request.
- 5.4 **School Fees for a school year shall be determined on or before 25 November and Parents shall be notified**

of the amount on or before 30 November of the preceding school year. Notification may take place via a written notice, or email, or text message, in terms of the contact details provided for in the Application Admission Form.

5.5 **Once a Learner has been admitted to the School the Parents are liable for the full year's School**

Fees for that specific year. The Parents may pay the School Fees in instalments but must be aware that should the Parents default they will be liable for the full year's School Fees.

5.6 **School Fees are due and owing from the beginning of the school year and in the event that interest may accrue to Parents as a result of the upfront payment of fees, such accrued interest shall be considered to be the School's income. It is specifically recorded that the Parent consents to and acknowledges that they will not be paid any interest that may accrue as a result of the payment of School Fees.**

5.7 School Fees are to be paid in advance, either annually, termly or monthly (on/before the second day of each month), as set out in the Annual Fee Letter. The Parents may select a particular period and should they wish to change to another payment period (as provided for in the Annual Fee Letter), they must request (through the School) to the School for such change to be affected. Such proposed change will not become effective until notice of acceptance of such change is given by the School. Should the Parents elect to make monthly payments they authorise the School to set up a debit order against their bank account for the payment of the monthly School Fees. For the avoidance of doubt, where Parents elect to make monthly payments, such payments are apportioned over 12 (twelve) equal monthly instalments (including December). As such even though the Learner does not technically attend school for the full month in December, the School Fees charged in that month represent a portion of the annual School Fees charged and as such become due and payable by the Parent. It should further be noted that the School may, following information obtained from any credit report of the Parent, prescribe a particular payment period for the Parent.

5.8 If the Parents fail to pay any instalment on the due date, contained in the applicable Annual Fee Letter, and the School grants them an indulgence of time to make such payment, this shall not be regarded as a waiver (giving up) by the School of their right to insist that all amounts owing be paid immediately or an agreement that the payment dates for the remaining instalments have in any way been extended or altered. The School does not have an obligation to extend any payment date, but may do so in their sole discretion.

5.9 School Fees shall escalate at least annually but in exceptional circumstances more regularly. **The School has the right to amend or escalate the amount of the School Fees and/or the payment obligations of the Parents in respect of the School Fees or any other payments on written notice to the Parents.** Should the Parents be unsure as to any of their financial obligations, it is the responsibility of the Parents to

contact the School in order to obtain clarity.

5.10 If the proposed changes in the School Fees referred to in clause 5.9 are not acceptable to the Parents they must, within 7 (seven) days of being given notice, contact the School via email and/or letter and/or telephone. **Should the Parents not accept the proposed changes such Learner's admission to the School will cease with effect from the last day of the School Term, before the increased School Fees are due. For the sake of clarity, such termination will not have the effect of reducing or in any way doing away with any liability for the payment of any School Fees or any other amounts owing by the Parents in terms of the Parent-learner Contract.**

5.11 If the Parents fail to give the required notification referred to in clause 5.10 they will be regarded as having agreed to and accepted the proposed changes and will be liable for the full amount of School Fees as set out in the notice.

5.12 The School may from time to time notify the Parents of Additional Fees which relate to specific activities, outings, stationery, and other items which may be recurring or once off, by giving advance notice to the Parents. The notice will stipulate exactly which activities, events or items the Additional Fees relate to. In the case of an activity/excursion, should the Parents elect to not pay the Additional Fees or should they fail to pay on or before the prescribed due date, then the Learner will not be permitted to participate in such activity. Furthermore, the School reserves the right to not permit a Learner to attend any extramural activities and/or excursions should the Parents not have paid any required Schools Fees and/or Annual Re-registration Fees and/or any other outstanding amounts, that are due and owing to the School.

5.13 The Parents will not be entitled to any reduction or refund in respect of School Fees or Additional Fees for any period that a Learner is under suspension or should the Learner be expelled, unless determined otherwise at the sole discretion of the School.

5.14 **Where there is more than one Parent, the liabilities or obligations of the Parents under the Parent-learner Contract will be joint and several, the one paying the other to be absolved. This means that the person to whom the liability or obligation is owed by the Parents will be entitled to look to all or any one or more of the Parents for the enforcement of its rights and that no Parent will be entitled to resist any claim on the grounds that it is liable or responsible for only a limited share of such claim. The School shall be entitled to hand the overdue account over to its attorneys or appropriately registered debt collectors who may in turn claim all default, administration, and collection costs as contemplated in the Magistrate's Court Act 32 of 1944 that may arise as a result of the Parent/s failure to pay.**

5.15 The Parents may delegate the obligation of payment of School Fees and Additional Fees to a third party. The School may however still, at their sole discretion, elect to claim any outstanding amounts from the Parents and not the third party. The School may, at their sole

discretion, require a third party to sign an agreement with the School to confirm that they will be responsible for the payment of School Fees and Additional Fees. The School will not accept payment from the third party if a Parent has not signed the Parent-learner Contract.

5.16 **The Parties agree that failure by the Parents to settle any School Fees and/or Additional Fees which become due, owing and payable in accordance with the Parent-learner Contract shall constitute a breach of the Parent-learner Contract. In that event, and without prejudice to any other rights that the School may have, the balance of the outstanding amounts for the remainder of the school year will become due and payable, 7 (seven) days after the date that the notice of breach is sent to the Parents. Should the Parents not remedy the breach then the School shall be entitled to:**

5.16.1 **Cancel the Parent-learner Contract with the Parents and/or claim specific performance in terms of the Parent-learner Contract. The Learner may be required to leave the School at the end of the School Term in which the default occurred or 30 (thirty) days after the default occurred (whichever is the longer period). This period is to allow the Learner time to find an alternative school. The Parties acknowledge and agree that it is difficult, if not impossible, to fill a vacancy in the course of the school year and should a Learner have to leave, the School will suffer financial loss. Therefore, the Parties agree that the full year's School Fees may be recovered from the Parents on the basis of liquidated damages; and/or**

5.16.2 Present a written notice/certificate, signed by the Principal, or his/her nominee or the appointed regional accountant, indicating all of the outstanding amounts that are due and owing by the Parents and this shall be sufficient proof of the outstanding amount for the purpose of obtaining judgment (whether by default or summary or provisional sentence) in any legal proceedings. The burden of proof shall be on the Parents to indicate why the notice/certificate is incorrect; and/or

5.16.3 To institute legal steps or legal proceedings against the Parents to recover the overdue amount and all legal costs incurred by them, on an attorney and client scale, including collection commission, to the maximum extent permitted by law; and/or

5.16.4 The School may, without the consent of the Parents, cede, delegate and/or assign all or any of their respective rights and obligations in terms of this Parent-learner Contract to any third party. The Parents herewith consent to such cession, delegation and/or assignment and the result thereof.

6. **SUSPENSION/TERMINATION OF ADMISSION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

6.1 Parents may terminate the admission and enrolment of a Learner at the School, after the commencement of the first day of the school year, by providing the School

with at least 3 (three) calendar months written notice of termination of the enrolment of the Learner. Should the first day of the month fall on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday or during any of the school holidays ("non-school day"), such notice must be furnished to the School by no later than the next school day, and that particular notice period will be calculated from the first day of the month during which such notice was received by the School. Parents will still be liable for the full school year's School Fees, but the School, subject to the approval of the Financial Director of Gauteng City College High School, has sole discretion to return a portion of any fees paid upfront or waive certain payments that the Parents may owe, should they pay the School Fees in instalments.

6.2 Should the Parents wish to terminate the enrolment of a Learner prior to the start of the new school year for which the enrolment is applicable, the Parents undertake to furnish the School with written notice of his/her wish to terminate on or before 1 December of the preceding year. Should the Parents fail to furnish the School with such notice by 1 December, **the School may hold the Parents liable for payment of School Fees equivalent to a 3 (three) calendar month period of the relevant subsequent year.**

6.3 **The School may summarily and with immediate effect, terminate the Parent-learner Contract and admission and enrolment of the Learner, if the Principal, or his/her nominee, is, at his/her sole discretion, of the opinion that the conduct and behaviour of either the Parents or Learner is of such an unreasonable nature that it is negatively affecting or is likely to negatively affect the progress of other Learners in attendance at the School, and/or the well-being of any member of the School, and/or the School's reputation and good name. In the case of a Learner, who is subject to a disciplinary hearing as a result of his/her conduct, the School shall be entitled, pending the outcome of a disciplinary enquiry, to suspend the Learner from the School, and pursuant to the outcome of the disciplinary enquiry, to terminate the admission of such Learner in accordance with the Gauteng City College High School Policies, the School Specific Policies and/or School Rules. The Parents shall be liable for the full year's School Fees which shall become due and owing on the date of cancellation of the Parent-learner Contract. The Parents will further be liable for any damage to or loss of School Facilities suffered as a direct result of the Learner's misconduct. The School, subject to the approval of the Financial Director of Gauteng City College High School, has an absolute discretion to return a portion of any fees paid upfront or waive certain payments that the Parents may owe should they pay the School Fees in instalments.**

6.4 The School, by giving 3 (three) calendar months' notice, may terminate the Parent-learner Contract and the admission and enrolment of a Learner if the Principal is reasonably of the opinion that the School can no longer provide adequately for any special educational needs of such Learner. The Learner shall be removed from the School at the end of the School Term in which the School provides the Parents with notice. Parents will still be liable for the full school year's School Fees, but the School, subject to the approval of the Financial Director of Gauteng City College High School, has an

absolute discretion to return a portion of any fees paid upfront or waive certain payments that the Parents may owe should they pay the School Fees in instalments.

- 6.5 The admission of a Learner will terminate automatically on the death of the Learner.

7. BREACH

- 7.1 If the Parents or Learner breach the Parent-learner Contract, or Gauteng City College High School Policies, or any School Specific Policy, and/or School Rule/s, the School may elect to send them a notice stating that they are in breach. If the Parents or Learner remain in breach for a period of 7 (seven) days after receiving notification that the School requires the breach be remedied, then the School shall be entitled, without prejudice to its rights and at its sole discretion, to follow the procedures as set out in the relevant Gauteng City College High School Policies, or School Specific Policies, School Rules, and/or the Parent-learner Contract depending on the nature of the breach, or to cancel the Learner's enrolment and the Parent-learner Contract. Depending on the nature of the breach the Learner may be required to leave the School immediately. The School shall have no obligation to refund any School Fees to the Parents if the Parents remained in breach despite written notice.

- 7.2 The School may claim payment of all moneys owing by the Parents along with the remainder of the outstanding School Fees for the current school year.

8. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 8.1 **The Parents and the Learner acknowledge that they have read the contents of the Learner Personal Information Policy and consent to abide with the terms and conditions contained therein. The School specifically draws the Parents' attention to the consent form contained within the aforementioned policy which confirms that the Parents' consent to the School processing the Learner's personal information as contained in section 35 (thirty-five) of the Protection of Personal Information, Act 4 of 2013.**
- 8.2 The Parents and the Learners acknowledge that informal photographs may be taken of the Learners and/or the Parents at various school events or whilst on the School Premises and that insofar as these photographs are placed in the possession or control of the School these photographs might be used by the School or Gauteng City College High School or its subsidiaries or associates, in the electronic or printed media such as websites, newspapers, advertisements, magazines and various other sources. The Parents and the Learners consent to the use of the photographs as mentioned in this clause.
- 8.3 Neither the School nor any of their managers, representatives, staff members, other employees, and/or any executive committee member, prescribed officer or director of Gauteng City College High School, will be liable for any loss or damage that either the Parents or any Learner suffer as a result of the School furnishing

any opinion or making any statement or disclosure of information if carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Learner Personal Information Policy.

- 8.4 The School undertakes to exercise reasonable care with a view to ensuring that the provision of any information concerning a Learner is accurate, and any opinion given regarding a Learner's ability, aptitude and character is fair.

- 8.5 The Parent hereby provides its consent to the School to distribute the Parents' names and contact details to other Parents, staff of School, Gauteng City College High School Holdings, or any other responsible persons authorised or delegated by the School for any School related purpose.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, WAIVERS AND DECLARATIONS BY THE PARENTS

- 9.1 The Parents hereby acknowledge and confirm that:
- 9.1.1 The School reserves the right to apply the consequences of its Code of Conduct, Learner Disciplinary Policy, any other relevant Gauteng City College High School Policies, the School Specific Policies and School Rules, whether the Learner commits a breach on or outside of the School Premises; and
- 9.1.2 They have familiarised themselves with the nature and extent of the Education Services (which includes sports activities) organised and provided by the School, as well as the School Facilities for the use of Learners and that they are fully aware of the risks and dangers that each Learner may be exposed to as result of his/her participation in the Education Services and use of the School Facilities; and
- 9.1.3 They undertake to indemnify and hold harmless the School, and/or the Principal and/ or any member of staff, and/or any executive committee member, prescribed officer or director of Gauteng City College High School, against any claims arising from or in respect of the theft, loss, damage or destruction of any personal property of whatever nature (including school uniforms, sporting equipment, books, or any other personal possessions) brought onto the School Premises by a Learner (save that this undertaking will not apply to any person in whose care and possession any of the personal property has been placed and the theft, loss, damage or destruction is as a result of gross negligence or intentional damage); and
- 9.1.4 Unless they specifically notify the School to the contrary, his/her consent to the Learner participating, under supervision, both inside and outside the School Premises in any sports; or activities; or travel to any school activity at another venue; which may result in physical injury, shall be deemed to have been given. The School shall not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage to the Learner or the Learner's property resulting from any of the above-mentioned activities, except in the case of gross negligence on the part of the school staff or agents, and the Parents indemnify the

School against any claims in this regard; and

- 9.1.5 They will not withhold/delay payment should the School be in breach of any of its obligations; and
- 9.1.6 They acknowledge and accept that the School may have to increase the intended number of Learners in a class should a Learner have to repeat a grade; and
- 9.1.7 **They shall not hold the School and/or the Principal, any member of staff and/or any executive committee member, prescribed officer or director of Gauteng City College High School, liable for any act or omission, that is actionable in law and may/ has caused damage, injury or harm, including death, or loss of property, unless the act or omission amounts to gross negligence or was carried out intentionally; and**
- 9.1.8 They accept that a Learner may require emergency medical care at a time that neither of them is easily contactable and therefore delegate to the Principal and/or his/her nominee and/or staff members of the School, the power to authorise any and all such medical treatment and take any and all such steps that he/she considers necessary to provide the Learner in question with the best medical care possible under the circumstances. If specific medical conditions are present which may impact emergency treatment, it is advisable that a medic-alert bracelet be worn by the Learner; and
- 9.1.9 They have recorded in the Admission Application Form all relevant details of each Learner's medical conditions (if any), prescribed medication (if any) and/or special healthcare needs (if any) and promise to immediately notify the Principal of any changes in a Learner's health, medicine, well-being or special health-care needs; and
- 9.1.10 They indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Principal, the School and any of their directors, managers, representatives, staff members, other employees and/or any executive committee member, prescribed officer or director of Gauteng City College High School, from and against any claim made by any person, including by or on behalf of any Learner or either Parent, arising from or in connection with any physical and/or emotional and/or mental injury or harm or death as a result of any medical treatment or medication administered and/or any steps taken to arrange such emergency medical treatment for a Learner; and
- 9.1.11 They acknowledge and accept responsibility for the payment of all medical and related costs for each Learner's medical treatment; and
- 9.1.12 They acknowledge that their on-going co-operation with the School and good relationships amongst Parents of the School and amongst the Learners at the School is vital to the provision of a holistic and optimal educational experience for each Learner; and
- 9.1.13 **They confirm and agree that they have read and understood the Code of Conduct and all of the relevant Gauteng City College High School Policies, School**

Specific Policies and School Rules in existence as at the date of the admission to the School of each Learner, they accept the content thereof as binding upon them and each Learner and undertake to abide by them and to properly familiarise themselves with all amendments to, inter alia, the School Policies from time to time; and

- 9.1.14 In the event of a Learner making use of School Transport, they indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Principal, the School and any of their directors, managers, representatives, staff members, other employees and/or any executive committee member, prescribed officer or director of Gauteng City College High School, from and against any claim made by any person, including by or on behalf of any Learner or either Parent, arising from or in connection with any physical and/or emotional and/or mental injury or harm or death as a result of the Learner's use of the School Transport; and
- 9.1.15 They are aware that the Principal may in terms of the Code of Conduct, suspend or expel a Learner from the School. The Parents' attention is specifically drawn to the content of the School's Code of Conduct and Learner Disciplinary Policy. The examples in the School's Code of Conduct set out examples of offences and misconduct however this is not a closed list and a Learner may be suspended or expelled for offences which are not contained in the Code of Conduct. Further the Principal may remove the Learner from the School if, in the discretion of the Principal, the Learner's progress, attendance or behaviour (including behaviour outside of school hours or off the school premises) is seriously unsatisfactory and the removal of the Learner will be in the best interests of the School and the other Learners. The School will provide the Parents with written notice of the termination. Depending on the severity of the misconduct the School will determine when the Learner will be required to leave the School and the date will be set out in the notice of termination. Parents must be aware that the termination, in certain circumstances, may be immediate.

10. COSTS

In the event that the School briefs legal representatives to enforce or advise the School on any of its rights in terms of the Parent-learner Contract or any of the School Policies or in order to defend any proceedings brought against the School, or any member of staff or other employee, it shall be entitled to recover these costs on an attorney own client scale, including commission and tracing charges, against the Parents.

11. NON-COMPLIANCE

- 11.1 **Once a Learner has been admitted to the School the Parents are liable for the full year's School Fees for that specific year. The Parents may pay the School Fees in instalments, but must be aware that should the Parents default they will be liable for the full year's School Fees. Should the Parents neglect or refuse to pay any School Fees, Additional Fees, or any other amount due and payable to the School, promptly on the respective due date, or should the Parents commit**

any act of insolvency or give notice of any intention to surrender their estate; or should an application be brought for the provisional or final sequestration of their estate or of their liquidation; or should the Parents make any compromise arrangement with their creditors or should any judgment of any court be taken against the Parents, the full amount of outstanding School Fees and Additional Fees, if any, together with all other outstanding amounts will immediately become due and payable without any further notice to the Parents/Learner.

12. VARIATION

The School reserves its right to amend the Parent-learner Contract from time to time for legal, safety or substantive reasons in order to assist the School in providing superior education to its Learners. The School shall endeavour to provide the Parents with 1 (one) school term's notice of any amendments. No variation of the conditions which have the effect of releasing the Parents and/or the Learner from any obligations in the Parent-learner Contract shall be binding on the School unless contained in a written document that is signed by the Principal, or his/her nominee.

13. DOMICILIA AND NOTICES

- 13.1 Where the Parents have to give a notice to any party in terms of the Parent-learner Contract, such notice shall be valid if delivered to the School's physical address, fax number or email address, which details appear on the Admission Application Form.
- 13.2 Where a notice has to be given to the Parents in terms of the Parent-learner Contract, such notice shall be valid if delivered to the Parents' physical address or email address, as set out in this Parent-learner Contract.
- 13.3 The Parents also appoint the aforementioned address as their domicilium citandi et executandi. The domicilium citandi et executandi address is the physical address and/or email address where the Parents would like all legal notices to be served in respect of all processes which must be served or exceptions which may be taken arising out of the Parent-learner Contract.
- 13.4 Parents agree to provide the School with updated email addresses, fax numbers and/or cellphone numbers to ensure that the School is able to contact them.
- 13.5 The Parties may change their address by written notice to the other party.
- 13.6 The Parties agree that notice to one Parent shall be considered notice to all Parents.
14. JURISDICTION AND GOVERNING LAW
- 14.1 The Parent-learner Contract shall be governed by the law of South Africa.
- 14.2 The Parents' consent to Magistrate's Court having jurisdiction in respect of all proceedings connected with this Parent-learner Contract, notwithstanding that the amount claimed or the value of the matter in dispute

exceeds such jurisdiction in terms of Section 45 of the Magistrate's Court Act 32 of 1944 (as amended). The School shall however not be obliged to institute action in the Magistrate's Court.

- 14.3 The School may at its sole election submit any matter or dispute connected with the Parent-learner Contract, to arbitration. The School shall however not be obliged to submit a matter to arbitration and may follow the usual legal process should it choose to.
- 14.3.1 The School shall inform the Parents via written notice that it intends on submitting the matter to arbitration.
- 14.3.2 The arbitration shall take place in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act, No. 42 of 1965 (as amended or replaced from time to time). If the dispute is in regard to non-payment of School Fees, then the Rules of the South African Chamber of Arbitration shall apply as set out briefly below. Any other disputes shall be governed by the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa (AFSA).
- 14.3.3 Parties shall draft affidavits setting out the matter and they may employ legal counsel to assist them with the preparation and drafting.
- 14.3.4 The arbitration shall be held and concluded within 30 (thirty) days after the dispute has been registered.
- 14.3.5 The arbitrator shall be such independent and suitably qualified person as appointed, solely, by the Chairperson of the South African Chamber of Arbitration.
- 14.3.6 This clause shall constitute the irrevocable consent of each party to the arbitration proceedings and no party shall be entitled to withdraw therefrom or to claim at such proceedings that it is not bound by this clause.
- 14.3.7 All communication between the parties and the arbitrator shall be done in writing.
- 14.3.8 The arbitrator must make an award within 14 (fourteen) calendar days (weekends/ public holidays included). An extension to this period may be given by the Chairperson of the Chamber.
- 14.3.9 Each of the Parties hereby irrevocably agrees that the decision of the arbitrator and the arbitration proceedings shall be final and binding and shall be capable of being made an order of any court to whose jurisdiction the Parties are subject
- 14.3.10 Should the School elect to arbitrate in accordance with the Rules of the South African Chamber of Arbitration, the Parents and/or any interested party may request a copy of the Rules from the School. The Rules must be provided on or before the School institutes a claim.

15. WHOLE AGREEMENT

- 15.1 This Parent-learner Contract and Admission Application Form constitutes the whole agreement between the Parties, except to the extent that the

Parent-learner Contract provides otherwise, and no agreements, representations, warranties, variations, deletions, or agreed cancellation between the Parties other than those set out herein are binding on the Parties, unless reduced to writing and signed by both the Parents and the School.

15.2 The Parent-learner Contract and Application Admission Form may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall be taken together and deemed to be one instrument.

15.3 If any provision of the Parent-learner Contract is held

to be unenforceable for any reason, it shall be adjusted rather than voided, if possible, in order to achieve the intent of the Parties to this Parent-learner Contract to the extent possible. In any event, all other provisions of the Parent-learner Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the full extent possible.

We, the undersigned, have read the contents of this Parent-learner Contract along with the Admission Application Form, and we declare that we understand the content thereof and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____

PARENT ONE

NAME : _____

IDENTITY NUMBER : _____

DOMICILIUM ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATED at _____ on this _____

day of _____ 20____

As witnesses:

1. _____

2. _____

ACCOUNT HOLDER

NAME : _____

IDENTITY NUMBER : _____

DOMICILIUM ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____

As witnesses:

1. _____

2. _____

PARENT TWO

NAME : _____

IDENTITY NUMBER : _____

DOMICILIUM ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATED at _____ on this _____

day of _____ 20____

As witnesses:

1. _____

2. _____

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