



Our Home-College Agreement- based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)



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College Ethos: “To make Henry Cort an outstanding college at the heart of the community. Our role is to develop assured, capable, enterprising people, able to maximise their potential, ready to play an active role in society.”

The **Home-College Agreement** is a simplified written version of the extensive operations at The Henry Cort Community College. The routine practices of the college have developed from our underlying beliefs concerning children’s education. The Henry Cort Community College is a Rights Respecting School and we believe all students have the right to have the best possible education. This agreement reinforces the importance of the college, its students, parents and carers working together. We hope that you will talk through the agreement with your child, explaining its significance and value before signing it. Together we will work to create an atmosphere of care, respect and co-operation between children and adults.

UNCRC Article	Your Rights:	College Responsibilities	Parent/Carer Responsibilities	My Responsibilities
Article 2	To be treated fairly and without discrimination.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be good role models for you. treat you fairly and with respect. help you be free from bullying and discrimination. ensure that all students are included in the whole curriculum. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a good role model for you. support the college in their teaching about discrimination, respect and behaviour. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> respect everyone’s differences and treat people fairly. tell a member of staff if I am being treated unfairly or being discriminated against.
Article 3	To have your best interests at heart.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> always try to do what is best for you. try to ensure you understand the decisions we make. try to help you make the right decisions. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make the best decisions about important matters such as bed times, computer use, arriving at college on time, being ready for the college day. help you with learning and give encouragement and praise. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen and try to make the right choices. try my best so that I am ready to learn and be the best I can be.
Article 12	To be respected and have your ideas and opinions considered.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide opportunities for you to be heard and to share your views and opinions. listen to you and take notice. teach you about your Rights and mutual respect (self-respect, respect for the whole college and the wider community), including how they are linked to the UNCRC. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen to you , respect how you feel and value your opinions. share with the college any concerns you have which may affect your ability to learn. work with the college to ensure that all students and parents show respect for the college and its students. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> share my ideas, opinions and thoughts in a respectful way and in return listen to and respect the opinions of others. tell a member of staff if I feel that I am not being respected or listened to.
Article 14 Article 30	To practice your own religion and beliefs and help you to understand the religions and beliefs of others.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> teach you about different faiths, beliefs and cultures in order to help you understand them. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support the college in their teaching of faiths and beliefs to help you understand and respect the cultures of others. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> learn about faiths, beliefs and cultures to help me understand other people.
Article 15 Article 31	To relax and play, choose your own friends and be able to join groups and clubs.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide a range of clubs and activities for you to enjoy with your peers. help you learn to be good students who can work well with others. ensure there is a balance between work and play. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide opportunities for you to socialise with other students and help you learn to be a good member of our community. ensure an age appropriate balance between work, rest and play. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be a good student and include others in my activities at break and lunch time. enjoy and make the most of any clubs or extra curricular groups that I attend.

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Article 16 Article 17	To have the right to privacy. To have information that is important to your well-being.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> teach you about privacy and keeping safe. teach you how to safely access information from media, including television, internet and books to enhance your learning. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow and teach the college’s policy regarding privacy and the acceptable use of ICT in order to protect students. follow the college’s guidelines about the sharing of information on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. teach you to safely use media as a source of information to help you learn. choose age appropriate material for you to access (eg. computer games, DVDs). 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow guidance for privacy and the safe use of ICT. report anything if I am worried about what I see or hear. ensure I do not post anything that could be hurtful to anyone else.
Article 19	To feel protected from harm and to feel and be safe.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide a safe and secure environment, taking care of you and teaching you how to stay safe. teach you about how you can prevent hurt from others to keep our community safe. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide a safe and secure environment, take care of you and help you to stay safe. ensure you feel loved. provide you with support to keep you safe from harm. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> do my best to stay safe eg. wear my cycle helmet, follow rules. help others keep safe and not bully or hurt others. listen to the adults who look after us. recognise dangers and make the right choices.
Article 24	To be healthy.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> teach you about making healthy lifestyle choices. provide healthy food choices and fresh water, keep the college clean and provide opportunities for you to be active. encourage you to drink water regularly. teach you of the dangers of smoking, drugs and alcohol. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote a healthy life style. provide a well -balanced healthy diet. encourage you to be active. provide conditions for a good night’s sleep. encourage you to drink plenty of water. reinforce the dangers of smoking, drugs and alcohol. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make healthy food choices. join in activities which help me to be active. bring water to college to drink. avoid high sugar and energy drinks. not smoke, take drugs or drink alcohol.
Article 28	To have a good quality education.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide high quality resources and motivate you to learn with an exciting, relevant and stimulating curriculum. provide an environment that is positive and supportive. help you to enjoy learning new things and encourage a life-long love of learning. provide suitable home learning that enables your family to support your learning. keep you and your family informed about how you are progressing. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure you attend college, are on time and are prepared for each day. support you with your home learning and help you to enjoy learning new things and to build a life-long love of learning. contribute to the life of the college and where possible assist with trips and events. visit the college to discuss your progress and make the college aware, as soon as possible, of any issues which might affect you. support the college with its vision ‘Learning for Life’. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> come to college ready to learn. try my best and persevere with the things I find difficult. not be afraid to make mistakes or to ask for help if I need it. support the college’s vision. take pride in my college.
Article 29	To develop your personalities, talents and abilities to the full.	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide opportunities for you to try new activities and to develop your talents to the full. celebrate your achievements and praise your efforts. 	We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage you to discover and develop your talents both inside and outside of college. celebrate your achievements and praise your efforts. 	I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> take pride in my work and achievements. aim to be the best I can be.

Signature.....

Parent / Carer Signature.....

Student Signature.....