

Terms and Conditions

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.

1. Definitions

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 have them defined to ensure certainty and consistency. Such defined terms are set out below, in alphabetical order. When used in these terms and conditions, they shall have the meaning given to them here.

“Registration Form” means the form provided by the School for parents to complete when registering for a place for their child at the School;

“Acceptance Form” means the form provided by the School for parents to complete when accepting a place for their child at the School;

“child” the child of whatever age named on the acceptance form admitted by the School to be educated;

“Complaints Procedure” means the School’s procedure 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 procedure is on the School’s website and is otherwise available from the School at any time upon request;

“contract” has the meaning given in [Clause 1.3](#) below;

“EIFA International School”, “EIFA”, “we”, “our”, “us” or the **“School”** means the legal entity carrying on as the School as identified in [Clause 1.2](#) below; and

“entrance fee” means the amount set out and referred to as the entrance fee in the Acceptance Form

“fees” means the termly fees set out in the Tuition Fees page on the School’s website as amended from time to time;

“Head/ Head of School” means Head of School, the person appointed by the Board of Directors to be responsible for (or to share in the responsibility for) the day-to-day running of the School, including anyone to whom such duties have been delegated;

“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 the proper administration of the School. A copy of the documents comprising the rules is available on the School’s website and from the School at any time upon request;

“term” means a term of the School as notified to parents from time to time and published on the School’s website’s Calendar;

“a term’s notice” means **written** notice given no later than the first day of the term before the term to which the notice relates. For example, if you wish to withdraw your child with effect from the start of the summer term, you need to provide notice in writing, before the first day of the spring term. This is because the summer term is the term to which the notice relates;

“terms and conditions” means these terms and conditions as may be amended from time to time;

“Registrar” means the person appointed to be responsible for the processing and administration of pupil registrations, maintaining pupil records and issuing official documentation and communication to families

“you” or **“parents”** means each person who has signed the Acceptance Form as a holder of parental responsibility for the child. 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.

- 1.2 *Who we are:* We are l’École Internationale Franco-Anglaise Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Our company registration number is 07302928, and our registered office is at 36 Portland Place, London.
- 1.3 *Our contract with you:* The **Acceptance Form**, the **Tuition Fees**, the **School Rules** and these **Terms and Conditions** (as in each case may be amended from time to time) form the terms of the **Contract** between you and the School.

2. Acceptance and Entrance Fee

- 2.1 How you accept an offer of a place. An offer of a place for your child is accepted by you submitting the completed Acceptance Form issued by the Registrar and payment of the entrance fee.
- 2.2 The non-refundable status of the entrance fee. The entrance fee is not refundable even if your child does not take up their place at the School. The exception to this is where notice is given in accordance with Clause 3.1 below.
- 2.3 How we use the entrance fee. **The entrance fee will form part of the general funds of the School.** It will not be refunded upon your child leaving the School, nor will it be offset against the final payment of fees (unless otherwise stated in these terms and conditions).

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 withdraw at that stage.

The cancellation of a place which has been accepted can cause losses to the School. This is why we require the period of notice referred to in this section for a withdrawal, and why different consequences follow depending on whether we get that period of notice or not.

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

- 3.1 Notice to withdraw your acceptance of a place before your child joins the School. **If you wish to withdraw your acceptance of a place BEFORE your child starts at the School, you must either give us a full term's 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 will need to notify 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 you may be liable to 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.
- 3.3 If we do not receive that period of 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 immediately preceding the term when your child was due to start. The School will not credit the entrance fee you have paid to the payment of the term's fees you will owe us.

4. School Fees, Supplemental Charges and Payment

- 4.1 What the fees include. Unless set out in the Tuition Fees or notified to you at any time, the fees include the costs we incur in the usual course of educating your child, including the provision of any necessary educational materials.
- 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**. This includes the provision of lunch and/or any extra-curricular activities (such as individual music lessons, trips and after school activities) where payment is not possible via the ParentPay system. Additional charges 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 or 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, then in order to recover the outstanding payments, the School can, in its discretion, choose to seek payment of the 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 fees 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 the 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 the Contract.*** A parent who has signed the Acceptance Form may be removed from their payment responsibility under the Contract by submitting a term's 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.
- 4.6 ***Payment of Fees by a third party.*** 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). An agreement with a third party to pay the Fees or any other sum due to the School does not release the Parents from liability if the third-party defaults and does not affect the operation of any other of these terms and conditions unless an express release has been given in writing, signed by the Bursar. The School reserves the right to refuse a payment from a third party.
- 4.7 ***How bursary and scholarship awards are treated.*** A bursary/scholarship or other award may be withdrawn in accordance with (or by reference to) the terms upon which such award is made and/or if, in the opinion of the Head of School, your child's attendance, progress and/or behaviour (and/or your behaviour or conduct (or the behaviour or conduct of one of you) no longer merit the continuation of the award. If your child has been awarded a scholarship/bursary which includes financial assistance (e.g., by way of fee remission), your responsibility will be to pay for the amount of fees due after taking account of that award. Where it appears likely to the Head of School, that an award which includes financial assistance may be withdrawn, you will be notified in advance and, if within fourteen (14) days of that notification your child is withdrawn from the School, no fees in lieu of notice will be payable by you. This will give you enough time to decide whether you want to continue to educate your child at the School without the benefit of the financial assistance.
- 4.8 ***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 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 school if payment is not received on time.** The School reserves the right to refuse a payment from a third party. All such payments are accepted in good faith.

The School may agree to a special arrangement that the fees that are or will fall due in relation to any term can be paid in instalments. If we agree to do this, then the School and those responsible for paying 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 direct bank transfer 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). Failure to make any of the scheduled payments will result in immediate cancellation of the agreement to pay in instalments and the remaining balance will become due.

4.9 *Payment of supplemental charges.* All supplemental charges for each term (and for other unpaid supplemental charges that were agreed during the previous term) must be paid in full by the advised deadline.

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.

4.10 *Non-payment of fees: refusal to attend school.* **We may refuse to allow your child to attend the School and/or withhold any references, while 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 the Contract under Clause 14.**

4.11 *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 remains unpaid.**

4.12 *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 4.7 and 4.8 above) we may charge interest to you on the overdue amount at the rate of 5 per cent a year above the base rate 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 judgement against you. You must pay the School the interest together with the overdue amount.

4.13 *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).

4.14 *We can notify other educational institutions of your outstanding payments.* We 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.

4.15 *Our ability to increase the fees.* We will review our fees during the course of your child's education (usually annually) and may increase them. Notice of an increase in the fees will be sent to you before the end of the penultimate term before the increase is to take effect. For example, if the fees are to increase at the start of the autumn term, we will notify you before the end of the preceding spring term. This will allow you time to consider the increase and, if you wish to withdraw your child from the School before the proposed increase is due 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.

4.16 *Fees and supplemental charges will not be reduced due to your child's absence.* Fees and any agreed supplemental charges will not be reduced or refunded as a result of absence due to illness or otherwise, or as a result of your child being required to study from home as a result of us providing educational services remotely for whatever reason. If a term is shorter than others (or shortened), no reduction of fees will be made in respect of any periods spent at home.

4.17 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:

4.17.1 your identity;

4.17.2 your child's identity;

4.17.3 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;

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

4.17.5 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.

4.18 Allocation of payments to your fees account. Except where expressly agreed with you otherwise, the School shall 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 child 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 withdraw your child from the School or remove your child 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. In such circumstances we require you to pay us fees in lieu of notice, which is a sum equivalent to the fees and/or supplemental charges you would have paid had the required period of notice been given.

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 at the end of year 9), 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 not credit the entrance fee you have paid 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 (i.e., at the start of an academic year) then you would need to tell us in writing, addressed to the Head of School, that you wish to withdraw your child on or before the first day of the preceding summer term (i.e. the final term of the preceding academic year) or pay the fees in lieu of notice referred to above. Please note that a verbal notice will not be accepted under any circumstance.

5.2 When the relevant amount in lieu of notice must be paid. In cases under Clause 5.1 above, the appropriate amount of fees in lieu of notice will become payable by you upon demand as a debt.

5.3 Notice to withdraw your child from participating in an activity or from receiving a service covered by a supplemental charge. If you wish to withdraw your child from an activity or service charged for as supplemental, you must either give notice to that effect or pay to the School as a debt, charges for the activity or service in which your child has ceased to participate.

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's ceasing to participate in an activity or receive a service part-way through a term.

6. School Rules

- 6.1 Compliance with the School Rules. It is a condition of 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 as we may issue (if not already included within the School Rules).
- 6.2 We may confiscate illegal drugs and alcohol from your child. The School may undertake drug and alcohol search and confiscation of pupils in accordance with its behaviour policy and school rules The Behaviour Policy has been adopted with the aim of safeguarding the health and safety of all pupils.
- 6.3 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 and when there is a reasonable cause, 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 Behaviour Policy 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 and reasonable purposes or good practice requirements.

7. Suspension, Exclusion and Required Removal

- 7.1 The Head of School's discretion to suspend or exclude your child from the School. The Head of School will use his discretion to suspend or, in serious or persistent cases, exclude your child from the School if the Head of School considers that your child's conduct or behaviour (including behaviour or conduct outside 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 or exclusion. The School Rules and Behaviour Policy set out examples of offences likely to be punishable by suspension or exclusion. These examples are not exhaustive and the Head of School 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 Head of School's discretion to require you to remove your child from the School. The Head of School instead of exclusion or suspension, may in his discretion require you to remove your child from the School if he 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 the Contract; or
 - 7.3.2 Your child's attendance or progress at the School is unsatisfactory and/or in the reasonable opinion of the Head of School, 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 Head of School exercise his 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, fees in lieu of notice will **not** be payable and any fees and/or supplemental charges that have been prepaid 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 the Contract. The 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 Head of School 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 Procedure.
- 7.7 The School will act in a way which is fair and reasonable, in all the circumstances when taking decisions under this Clause 7. The review of serious disciplinary matters is governed by the Parent Complaints Procedure.

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 within the published range of the School's provision.
- 8.2 The scope of our duty to exercise reasonable skill and care for your child's education and welfare. While your child remains a pupil of 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.**
- 8.3 Consent to participation in trips and visits, in contact sports and other sports activities. Unless you notify us to the contrary, you consent to your child participating, under supervision, in contact sports and in other sports and activities which may entail some risk of physical injury. You also consent to your child participating in trips and visits organised in the normal course of your child's schooling.
- 8.4 What happens if your child needs urgent medical attention. If your child requires urgent medical attention while under the School's care we will try to contact you and, if practicable, we will share information from your child's medical file with the doctor or other medical practitioner.
- 8.5 Our right to make changes at the School. Our website and prospectus 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 to the curriculum or to 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).
- 8.6 We will give you notice of significant changes. Where 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.
- 8.7 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, ADHD, or other conditions.** A formal assessment can be arranged either by you or by the School at your expense.
- 8.8 Religious observance and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. Religious observance, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education at the School will be conducted in accordance with the School's policies.

9. The Parents' Obligations

- 9.1 We require your cooperation. In order to fulfil our obligations under the Contract and to maintain a constructive relationship with you, we, the Head of School and School staff, need your cooperation.
- 9.2 Examples of the cooperation and assistance we require. You must cooperate 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, as well as any changes to their immigration status);
 - 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; 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 joining and remaining at the School that you complete and submit to the School a medical questionnaire 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, any reports or other 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 the 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 a period (including, for example, by sending you/your child work assignments electronically or by post).
- 9.5 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 for their education or welfare.
- 9.6 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.

- 9.7 We require you to nominate a 'responsible adult' for us to contact in your absence. Where we notify you that this is a requirement (for example for parents who live overseas), it is a condition of your child's joining and remaining at the School that you inform the Head of School the nominated 'responsible adult' (or 'educational guardian') for your child who, amongst other things, can be contacted if the School is not able to contact you and who can look after your child in your absence.
- 9.8 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 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 9.9 below or otherwise according to the circumstances, you (and each of you) accept that the School is entitled to treat:
- 9.8.1 any instruction, authority, request or prohibition received from one of you as having been given on behalf of both of you and
- 9.8.2 any communication from the School to one of you as having been given to both of you.

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

- 9.9 We are entitled to require that notices of withdrawal must be signed by both parents. **A notice of withdrawal of your child served under the Contract (i.e., under any of Clauses 3.1, 4.6, 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 have signed such notice).**
- 9.10 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 our attendance managers, reception@eifaschool.com. Wherever possible the School's prior consent should be sought, from the Head of School for absence from the School.
- 9.11 Raising concerns with the School and making formal complaints. If you have 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 Complaints Procedure.
- 9.12 We are entitled to require that upon withdrawal of your child, a Leavers Questionnaire is completed. This will be emailed to you by our Registrar upon receipt of written notice.

10. Insurance

Your responsibility to make your own insurance arrangements. You must make your own insurance arrangements if you require cover for your child or their property while at School or for the payment of fees due to absence of your child or closure of the School premises.

Children are responsible for the security and safe use of all personal property (including without limitation any sports or other kit or equipment used whilst on School premises) and they or their Parents are responsible for ensuring that all such property is clearly marked with the owner's name.

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, from the age of around 12, 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 will 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 will be. Please also see our ‘Privacy Notice’ 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 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 educational and examination purposes, safeguarding, statutory reporting, health and safety, complaints, administration and processing of fees; and

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 (e.g., 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 from the School about your child’s progress and attainment. The School will therefore disclose such information as a matter of routine to each such person unless the School is restricted from doing so by a court order (or similar direction) or by any other legal requirement 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 (each as 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 the Contract, and where otherwise reasonably necessary for the School's purposes.

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

The circumstances in which we may transfer the Contract to someone else. We may transfer our rights and obligations under the 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 the Contract.

[PLEASE READ THIS NEXT SECTION CAREFULLY](#) - it sets out the rights we have, and that you have, to terminate the Contract early (that is, before the normal leaving date for the end of your child's schooling which is at the end of year 6 / year 11 or year 13).

14. Ending the Contract

14.1 Our rights to end the Contract. In addition to where the Contract is terminated automatically as a result of an exclusion or required removal under [Clause 7](#), the School may end the Contract at any time by notice in writing to you, without any obligation to return any entrance fee or fees 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 30 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 and study in the United Kingdom when in fact 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 your child fails to attend the School's medical examination;
- 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 the Contract, we may otherwise refuse to allow your child to attend school until the relevant satisfactory information has been provided;

14.1.5 your child no longer holds an immigration status which confers a right to enter and study in the UK and you have been unable to resolve this issue within a reasonable timeframe;

14.1.6 you:

(a) are unable, following our request, to demonstrate that you will be able to pay the fees and supplemental charges due under the 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) you enter into an individual voluntary arrangement; or

14.1.7 you otherwise do not comply with (i.e., you breach) your obligations under the Contract such that we have a legal right to end the Contract because of something you have done wrong or, in the Head of School'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 the Contract.

14.2 *Your rights to end the Contract.* You may end the 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 the Contract will end if not terminated early.* For the avoidance of doubt and without us having to provide you with notice, the Contract shall end at the end of your child's schooling.

14.4 *Ending the Contract will not affect any accrued rights.* Once the 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 the Contract ends, you and the School will keep any rights each has under, or as a matter of, general law.

15. Force Majeure - Events outside of 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 of 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 the 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 the 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 an 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 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 the 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 the Contract may be performed and, following such discussions, you or the School shall be entitled to cancel the contract on written notice and without you being required to give a term's notice or to pay a term's fees in lieu of notice.

16. Communications between you and the School

- 16.1 Notices must be in writing. When the Contract requires you or the School to give notice of something to the other then, 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 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 Head of School and either:
- 16.3.1 sent by email to the School using this email address: registrar@eifaschool.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.

In light of the importance under the 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 provide notice under any of Clauses 3, 5.1, 5.2 or 5.4 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 4 working days (during a school holiday period) after sending the notice.

17. The Law that applies to the Contract and where legal proceedings may be brought

- 17.1 *The law that applies to the 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 English courts.
- 17.2 *Rights in relation to the enforcement of the Contract.* If we choose not to enforce any part of the 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 the Contract. If we cannot enforce any part of the Contract, this will not affect our right to enforce the rest of the Contract.

18. “La Charte”- Pupil transfers between French “ Homologuées” London Schools

La Charte (the charter) is an agreement between the French schools in London which are accredited by the French Education Nationale (“Homologuées”). It regulates the transfer of pupils between such schools and guarantees pupils the possibility to continue their French education in London until the end of their school studies (end of Terminale).

Any London homologuée school must give priority over other pupils, to those who transfer from another London homologuée school at the end of schooling offered by the transferring school (subject to the recipient school’s admissions criteria and availability of places).

However, it also means that whilst parents are free to choose the first school that their Child will attend, Parents cannot transfer their Child from one homologuée school to another for the duration of the schooling offer of the first school, without the prior consent of the head of schools of both schools concerned.

19. Changes to these Terms and Conditions

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. It is not practicable to consult with parents and pupils over every change that may take place. However, whenever practicable, the School will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that Parents will be consulted and where possible, send a 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 endeavour to notify you before the end of the preceding spring term.