



# **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT POLICY**

**DATE: - April 2023**

**SIGNED CHAIR OF LGB: - .....**

**DATE OF NEXT REVIEW: - Summer 2025**

**REVIEW FREQUENCY:- Bi-ennial**



## **ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School belongs to the Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust.**

### **FOUNDING VISION**

Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Trust delivers outstanding educational, spiritual and moral outcomes for all children regardless of their faith or backgrounds within an ethos based on full inclusion, high expectations, innovation, outstanding teaching and learning, and a relentless focus on the needs and potential of every child. Our vision is that every school within the Trust has a reputation for excellence in their local communities and beyond.

### **DEVELOPING THE PERSON**

Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all the children in our schools and to prepare them for success in life, however and whatever that might mean to them as they grow and develop. All children in the trust will have the opportunity to develop their talents to the full, in the recognition that they all have talents to offer and that although these talents are different, none is more important than another and all are needed in our ever changing world.

### **CATHOLIC-ROOTED, CHILD-CENTRED**

The Trust is a Catholic-based, child-centred MAT. We are founded on Catholic values which underpin every social, academic and pastoral relationship and the related behaviours which act as live witness to our Faith. Inspired and supported by these values, we seek to develop the characteristics of effective learners in our children so that, whatever their future holds, they can approach this with character, confidence, resilience and a Christ-centred moral compass.

### **HAVING THE CONFIDENCE TO ENGAGE**

The learning culture is one where the children and staff have the confidence to engage and need not fear failure along the way. The children are supported to be confident, active learners so that they push themselves beyond their perceived limits in the safe knowledge that our best learning takes place when we don't get it right first time, and is a valuable expression of engaging confidently in learning. The children enjoy working with adults and other children, and also understand that they have God-given gifts, with which it is their responsibility to do the best that they can for themselves and others.

## **Introduction**

At St Mary's School we recognise and appreciate the importance of the partnership between home and school, and the need for us to work together to ensure a 'memorable, quality education for our children'. This document highlights the aims of the school, and outlines the behaviours that you can expect from staff, and similarly it outlines the expectations on the parents and pupils that helps to form this effective partnership.

## **Our Mission Statement:-**

St Mary's School endeavours to give all children the best educational opportunities within a Catholic Christian Community that values the individual, recognises the worth of each person and welcomes everyone.

We aim to combine excellence in teaching with enjoyment in learning through the provision of an inclusive, balanced and broadly based curriculum that promotes spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development, and prepares children for the opportunities and responsibilities of secondary education and later life.

### **Aims:**

- 1) To integrate the Catholic Faith in all areas of the Curriculum within a caring Christian environment and to encourage the practice and living out of the Gospel values.
- 2) To provide a challenging environment wherein each child reaches his/her full potential.
- 3) To achieve academic excellence through a broad, balanced and relevant education.
- 4) To develop the 'whole' child through encouraging respect for others, self respect and an awareness of the strengths and needs of others
- 5) To foster an environment in which the staff share a common commitment to their Christian faith and their role within the school.
- 6) To ensure we build upon the good relationships that exist within the school and also between the school, home, parish and wider community.

## **THE SCHOOL**

Our mission statement demonstrates our commitment to our faith and underpins all teaching and learning.

The school will:

- Provide a friendly welcome to your child and a secure, stimulating Christian environment in which to learn.
- Ensure that your child is valued for who he/she is and helped to make good progress in their spiritual, moral, emotional and academic development.
- Treat your child with the dignity and respect they require, encouraging them to full human wholeness.
- Deliver a broad and balanced curriculum whilst meeting the individual needs of your child.
- Teach your child to develop a positive attitude to one another, regardless of gender, race, culture, belief, values, age and need.

- Encourage your child to become an active member within our community and help them to see that they can have an impact on the world around them.
- Provide you with information about your child's progress, including an annual written report, and formal and informal opportunities to talk to teachers.
- Keep you regularly informed about general school matters, school policies and activities.
- Contact you if there are any significant concerns regarding your child's behaviour, work, health, attendance or punctuality.
- Be open and welcoming, offering opportunities for you to become involved in the daily life of the school.
- Provide information and helpful training sessions for you that will give you confidence to support your child.

## **PARENTS and CARERS**

At St Mary's we recognise that parents and carers are the primary educators of our children, and it is therefore very important that the parents and carers support the school in developing our children's skills and love of learning.

As a parent I will:

- Support the Christian values of the school community
- Value the sacramental programmes offered by the parishes for the children and support them in their worship.
- Encourage my child to show kindness and consideration to all and support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- Take an active interest in my child's development including attendance at parents' consultations, discussions involving progress and hearing them read daily.
- Ensure that my child attends school regularly and on time 8.50am and by informing the school on the first day of absence in order to maintain continuity of education.
- Commit to ensuring that my child has good attendance at school and work with the school to address any attendance issues.
- Support my child in work undertaken at home and encourage other opportunities for learning outside of school.
- Support and work with the school to ensure that the behaviour management policies of the school are maintained with my child.
- Provide my child with the correct named uniform, including PE kit, in accordance with the school policy.
- Treat all staff and pupils with courtesy and respect.
- Register on Parentmail to aid communication between home and school.
- Be expected to cover the cost of lost or damaged library / reading books at a flat rate of £5 per book.
- Support the school by making sure that my child reads at least 4 times a week, and learns any spellings and timetables set.
- Use my talents and experiences to enhance my child's learning at home. (Your child will benefit greatly from what you can show them, discuss with them and teach them!)

## **PUPILS**

I will keep the school rules: Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe.

**Be ready**

- We arrive at school on time, every time.
- We wear our uniform with pride and have the right clothes for PE and playing outdoors.
- We take part fully in lessons and demonstrate good learning behaviours – resilience, curiosity, active listening.

**Be respectful**

- We always listen when an adult is talking – active listening
- We are polite and show good manners to everyone.
- We respect difference and know that we are all equal.
- We look after our school.
- We display good learning behaviours – collaboration

**Be safe**

- We follow instructions – first time, every time.
- We stand up to bullying of any kind.
- We walk sensibly around our school.
- We know who to go to for help and support.
- We stay safe online and outside school.

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**Together we will:**

Remember the Gospel values.

Value one another as partners with our children.

Listen to and support each other in our aim to provide the best education for our children.

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**Parental Declaration**

I/We have read St Mary’s Catholic School’s Home-School Agreement.

I/We have read and support the school Safeguarding Policy and Acceptable use Policy.

I/We note the aims and values it has as a Catholic School and the educational opportunities it will provide for my/our child within a Christian context.

I/We acknowledge the type of support outlined in the ‘Parental Responsibilities’ Statement that will be necessary to ensure my/our child is helped towards reaching their full potential.

I/We acknowledge what the school expects from all pupils.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

of \_\_\_\_\_ (Pupil/pupils)