



**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT POLICY**

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#### **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 determined by the requirements of the National Curriculum.
- 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.
- Consolidate your child's learning by setting, marking and monitoring homework.
- Send home an annual report of your child's progress.
- 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.
- Set differentiated and achievable homework to extend the curriculum and provide the opportunity for independent learning. Clear information will be provided so that you will be able to help your child if required.
- 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 (8.45am) and by informing the school on the first day of absence in order to maintain continuity of education.
- 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 homework tasks are completed and returned on time. (A child who hasn't completed their homework is often an unhappy, worried one!)
- 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**

To help St Mary's to be a really fun place to learn, I will try to do the following:

- Think before I act – Stop! Think! Make the right choice.
- Work hard at all times.
- Be kind and polite to everyone.
- Look smart in my uniform.
- Always have my home –school diary or reading record and PE kit.
- Follow class and playground rules, behaving in a safe way.
- Look after our school.
- Try my best with my homework and hand it in on time.
- Read every night.
- Be independent and take responsibility for my actions.
- Tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy.

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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 of ICT and Mobile phones 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)