



St Mary's RC Primary School

Home-School Agreement

School Mission Statement

At St Mary's RC Primary School we believe that everyone matters and should be nurtured within a safe, happy and loving environment.

We believe we can achieve this by keeping Christ at the centre of all we do, ensuring that a good Catholic education is a partnership between home, school and parish.

We believe that every child should receive a broad and balanced curriculum that allows them to set their sights high and strive towards their dreams.

Aims

In this school we aim to provide everyone with:

- The opportunity, encouragement and expectation to learn, make progress and attain high standards
- A rich, broad and balanced curriculum matched to individual need and augmented by a wealth of high quality first hand learning experiences.
- A learning environment that is stimulating and challenging yet safe and secure.
- Good quality teaching.
- The chance to grow spiritually within the teachings of the Roman Catholic faith.

Vision Statement

We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children will be challenged in their thinking, to achieve to the best of their abilities and strive to become lifelong learners.

We will empower our children to become respected citizens to enable them to make valuable contributions locally, globally and to contribute to our world's sustainable future.

This can be done most effectively when all staff, parents and children understand their responsibilities and work together towards the same goals, as detailed in our home/school agreement.

The Learning Environment

Our school will:

- Provide your child with a high standard of education, implemented by rigorous national guidelines, within a balanced curriculum.
- Ensure that our learning environment is stimulating and challenging.
- Celebrate your child's academic and personal achievements.
- Provide the scaffolding needed to enable your child to achieve their full potential.
- Care for your child's safety and well-being by observation and listening to them.
- Nurture your child within a Catholic Environment.

A Healthy, Happy Community

Our school will:

- 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.
- Regularly meet with you to communicate the progress of your child, celebrating their strengths and explaining how we can support and scaffold them in their areas for development. This will be in the form of written reports, 2 annual Parent Meetings and the option for a parent to make an appointment with the class teacher.
- Provide information to you about our school, including relevant policies, meetings, workshops, activities, newsletters and the website.
- Be very happy to welcome you if you would like to contribute to our school's broader curriculum. We recognise that the community of St Mary's holds a wealth of talent, experience, diversity and enthusiasm that our school could benefit richly from.

Homework

The school will:

- Set differentiated and achievable homework to extend the curriculum and provide the opportunity for independent learning. Clear instruction will be provided so that you will be able to help your child to work independently.
- Provide information and helpful training sessions for you that will give you confidence to support your child.

Signed:

Claire Halstead

(Miss C Halstead, Head Teacher)

Parents/Carers

The Learning Environment

I as a Parent/Carer will:

- Make sure that my child arrives at school by 8.55 am.
- Make sure that my child is wearing named school uniform or other suitable clothing and that their PE kit is brought into school at the beginning of each week.
- Provide a safe, secure and happy environment at home for my child, acknowledging that they also learn at home.

A Healthy, Happy Community

I as a Parent/Carer will:

- Make a pre-arranged appointment with the class teacher to let the school know of any concerns or worries that may be affecting my child's learning, behaviour or ability to do homework, as this can then be resolved quickly.
- Support the school by encouraging my child to develop a positive attitude towards our local community and the diverse, multicultural world we live in.
- Attend meetings with my child's teacher and other staff, aiming to be positive and productive, working towards moving my child on in their learning.
- Support and work with you to ensure that the behaviour management policies of the school are maintained, particularly with my child.
- Encourage a positive attitude towards my child's education and our school. If I have any concerns, I will make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss them as it is much healthier to work out solutions and move on.
- Read all information sent home as this gives me important details of relevant policies, meetings, workshops, activities, newsletters and other events.
- Support the school and FSA when fundraising and organising activities for the benefit of a variety of causes and also for our school.

Homework

You as Parent/Carers will:

- Please support the school by making sure that homework tasks are completed and returned on time in line with the school homework policy.

- Please use your talents and experiences to enhance your child's learning at home – Your child will benefit greatly from what you can show them, discuss with them and help them to experience.

Signed:

(Parent/Carer)

Children

I, as a Pupil of St Mary's Primary School, will:

- Understand that I have rights within the school which are:
 - To be treated kindly.
 - To be listened to.
 - To be helped.
 - To have a friend.
 - To play and join in games.
 - To be happy.
 - To feel wanted.
 - To be safe.
 - To be special.
- Respect other children's culture, race, feelings, beliefs and values.
- Accept responsibility for the things that I do.
- Be responsible for my school and home work.
- Ask for help if I need it and try my best in all that I do.
- Ensure that I take home all school letters.
- Follow the school's rules.
- Be kind and speak politely to everyone in school.
- Take good care of the building, equipment and school grounds.
- Behave in a safe way.
- Be helpful.
- Tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy.

Signed:

(child)

