

ST ANSELM'S HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement

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captures perfectly our vision of a Christ-centred community which recognises that we are all God's children 'made in the image and likeness of God'. At St Anselm's we aim to develop children's spiritual 'thirst' and accompany them on their journey of faith in a rich, positive learning environment with Jesus' teachings and values at the core of our curriculum.

This Home-School Agreement outlines the strong partnership between school, home and parish. Our school is an integral part of our local Catholic community which shares the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We believe that our school has a particular responsibility to support parents in their task of nurturing their children in faith, love and human growth. Our Home-School Agreement recognises this belief which is reflected in our Mission Statement.

The school's responsibilities

The school is committed to:

- ensuring that the values of the Catholic faith are promoted in every aspect of our community and the curriculum providing a safe, secure, welcoming and caring environment for your child
- ensuring that your child is valued as a child of God and helped to make good progress in their spiritual, moral, emotional and academic development
- delivering an interesting and challenging curriculum which is broad, balanced and which provides high expectations for all children.
- providing a high standard of teaching and learning, which takes into account the needs of each pupil, and help them achieve their full potential.
- commit to safeguarding all the children in their care. Governors ensure that all employees undergo DBS checks and staff receive appropriate, high quality child protection and safeguarding training.
- keeping you well informed about general school matters through regular communication in newsletters, letters and the school website
- offering you regular opportunities to discuss your child's learning with their class teacher and providing you with a written report of progress on your child's progress each term
- contacting you to discuss with you any concerns regarding aspects of your child's safety and wellbeing,
- carefully monitoring each child's attendance and punctuality and take any appropriate action, as and when necessary.
- offering an open-door policy to engage in discussion about learning, or behaviour, so that appropriate support can be identified and put in place at the earliest opportunity. These discussions can take place at mutually convenient time.

Parents' responsibilities

I/we will:

Religious Education:

- Read the Mission Statement and support the school in promoting the values of the Catholic faith
- Make a commitment to develop and enhance children's knowledge of the Catholic religion, including sharing prayer at home and attending Mass regularly.

Policies:

- Be aware of and adhere to all school policies, which are available on the school website.
- Actively support the school by following the Positive Communication Policy and the

Community Behaviour Policy.

- Actively support the school policies on Behaviour and Curriculum which reflect the Catholic ethos of the school.

Attendance:

- Ensure that my child attends school every day, is on time and collected promptly.
- Not take my child out of school during term-time.
- Notify the school promptly and in advance if my child is absent for any reason. Provide evidence of absence as required.
- Provide 3 contact telephone numbers in case of emergency, and update telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses promptly via the office.

Home Learning

- Read with my child every day, and ensure that any school books or reading records are treated with respect, care and returned in good condition.
- give my child opportunities for home learning and ensure any homework from school is completed

Uniform

- ensure my child adheres to the uniform policy and wears the correct school uniform at all times.
- Mark all items of clothing with child's name, and understand that the school does not take responsibility for lost, damaged clothing or belongings.
- Ensure my child does not wear jewellery, with the exception of standard, traditional watch (non-smart watch) or any elaborate hair accessories.

Other

- inform the school of any matters which could affect my child's ~~work~~ learning or behaviour, including medical ailments or conditions, special needs or changes in circumstances.
- support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour and keeping children safe, including Online Safety and Behaviour Policy.
- attend parents meetings to discuss my child's progress
- read school newsletter, calendar dates and website to ensure parents are informed of school events, important dates and activities.
- foster good relationships with the school, working in partnership to ensure any concerns are raised with the Class teacher in the first instance.

Pupils' Pledge

I will try to:

- show commitment to our mission statement and School Prayer
- spread God's message of love and care, as a valued member of our school family
- do the best work that I can, listening carefully
- come to school fully equipped to learn
- come to school wearing the proper school uniform
- think for myself and take responsibility for my actions, including consequences
- show respect to all adults and other children in school, spreading
- set a good example to other pupils
- complete any homework set in the best way I can and present it neatly
- look after our school by taking care of equipment and keeping it litter free

- behave sensibly and follow the Golden Rules ~~keep the school rules~~
- follow the Online Safety SMART Rules

THE GOLDEN RULES

Be gentle.....Do not hurt others

Be kindDo not hurt others' feelings

Be politeDo not be rude

Listen to adults and other children.... Do not interrupt

Work hard..... Do not waste time

Look after property.....Do not break or waste it

Be honest Do not lie

Show respect Do not take away the rights of others

We aim to cultivate the St Anselm's Values:

A – Ambition – we use our talents to the best of our abilities

N – Nurture – we care for each other and protect the world around us

S – Support – we help those in need and work as a team

E – Enjoyment – we enjoy all areas of school life

L – Leadership – we act as good role models for others

M - Motivation – we try our very best and persevere

We have read, understood and agree with the contents of this Home School Agreement and will support the school in its implementation. (Please retain one copy for reference)

Child's name:		Class:	
Parent/Carer's name:		Parent/Carer's name:	
Signature:		Signature:	
Date:		Date:	