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Home/School Agreement

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Parish School of Our Lady of Lourdes welcomes everyone in the community to share with us the joys of our Catholic Faith. We worship, learn and play together in the love of Jesus, helping one another to become the people God has created us to be.

Home-School Agreement

Rationale

The Home-School Agreement is an integral part of the home/school/parish partnership.

We believe that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children and that we are called to support them in their God given task.

We believe that this school, rooted in the mission of the Eucharistic Community of Our Lady of Lourdes, 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.

We believe that through our school we enable our parishioners to experience a vibrant, Christian community whereby we as a parish engage with the world and offer an experience of the Gospel to all who have contact with us.

To achieve this we will reflect annually on our practice, celebrate and consolidate our successes and realistically explore ways of journeying together.

The School's Responsibilities

We will:

- Provide a warm welcome to your child and a secure, stimulating, Christian environment in which to learn
- Demonstrate our Faith and our school's foundation in the teaching of Jesus Christ, by what we teach and the way we live and worship in our school
- Ensure that your child is valued for who he/she is and helped to make good progress in their spiritual, moral, emotional, physical and academic development

- Treat your child with dignity and respect
- Do our best to provide the best possible education we can for your child and ensure enthusiastic teaching rooted in our beliefs, our values and our skills
- Ensure you have information about your child's progress and provide you with opportunities to talk to staff
- Keep you well-informed about school policies and activities through regular communication
- Set, mark and monitor homework suitable for your child's needs and in accordance with the School Homework Policy
- Send home an annual report of your child's progress
- Contact you if there is a problem with your child's attendance or punctuality
- Inform you of any concerns regarding your child's behaviour, work or health
- Challenge your child to strive for the highest standard of personal, social and intellectual development and aim for excellence in all they do
- Recognise and celebrate the achievement of your child

The Parents' Responsibilities

I/We will:

- Support the Christian values of the school community
- Encourage my child to be enthusiastic about learning and to enjoy school
- Encourage my child to show kindness and consideration to others
- Talk to my children about their experiences in school and encourage them to do their best
- Ensure that my child starts the day with a good breakfast as it is proven that this helps them to learn
- Ensure that my child attends school regularly and request leave of absence during term time only in **very exceptional** circumstances
- Ensure that my child arrives in school by 9.00am and is collected in the infant playground at 3.15pm
- Inform the school in advance if someone else is collecting my child
- Ensure the school is notified of any change in emergency contact numbers
- Ensure that my child wears the correct school uniform each day
- Ensure that my child comes to school with the equipment he/she needs, including PE equipment
- Encourage my child to become independent and self-organised
- Inform the school of any concern or problems that might affect my child's work, behaviour or well-being using the agreed procedure
- Give my child opportunities for home learning and support homework from school
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour

- Attend parent evenings and discussions about my child's progress
- Support the Catholic community and the school governors in their responsibilities for maintaining the school buildings in good repair
- Support the school in the teaching of safe and secure internet use at school and home
- Support and attend events at school and church
- Refrain from using social media (WhatsApp, etc) as a platform to comment negatively about the school, staff, other parents and individual children, directly or indirectly
- Refrain from posting photographs that I may have taken while attending a school function onto any social media website

Child's Responsibilities

I will:

- Try to behave as Jesus showed me
- Attend school regularly and on time
- Wear my school uniform with pride and be tidy in my appearance
- Bring all the equipment I need every day and be well organised
- Take care of all school equipment and school property and help keep our school tidy
- Learn something new each lesson and always do my best
- Share my feelings honestly and politely and show consideration for others in school
- Behave sensibly so as to keep us all happy and safe as we learn
- Try to think for myself and to take responsibility for my actions
- Observe all school rules
- Treat everyone with respect
- Be polite at all times and remember good manners
- Tell an adult if anything is worrying me
- Learn to be independent
- Do class work and homework as well as I can

PARENTAL DECLARATION

I/We have read Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School’s Home/School Agreement.

I/We note and understand 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 school expects from all children.

Signed:.....

Parent of:.....

Year group:.....

Date:.....