

**St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Bishop's Stortford**



Home School Agreement

Our School Mission Statement:

"To live, love and learn, in a caring Christian community"

We believe that parents and carers are the first and foremost educators of their children and that we are called to support them in their God given task. Each child in our school is valued and encouraged to achieve human wholeness - spiritually, morally, emotionally and academically in a happy, secure Christian environment.

We will always do our best to provide the best possible education for every child.

Signed:

(For and on behalf of the Governing Body)

Statutory
Reviewed Autumn 2018
Next Review due Autumn 2019

The School's educational responsibilities

"We acknowledge our responsibility to support parents in their task of nurturing their children towards human wholeness within a Christian community."

Therefore we will:

- Demonstrate our faith and our school's foundation in the teachings of Jesus Christ, by what we teach and the way we live and worship in our school;
- Provide a friendly welcome to your child and a secure, stimulating Christian environment in which to learn;
- Treat your child with the dignity and respect they require, encouraging them to full human wholeness;
- Challenge your child to strive for the highest standard of personal, social and intellectual development and aim for excellence in all they do;
- Provide appropriate recognition of children's achievements, encouraging their efforts;
- Set, mark and monitor homework suitable to your child's needs;
- Speak to parents with respect and courtesy;
- Make any decision for the best interests of all pupils, not just an individual;
- Provide you with information about your child's progress and provide you with opportunities to talk to teachers;
- Inform you of any concerns regarding your child's behaviour, work or health;
- Contact you if there is a problem with your child's attendance or punctuality;
- Keep you informed about school policies and activities through regular letters and newsletters;

Signed.....

(Headteacher)

Parental responsibilities

"We acknowledge that we as parents and carers are the primary educators of our children and have an irreplaceable role to play in supporting our children's learning at school."

Therefore I / we will:

- Support the Christian values of the school community;
- Show my child by example how to live out Christian values in our society;
- Encourage my child to show kindness and consideration to others;
- Talk to my child about their experiences in school and encourage them to do their best;
- Inform the school of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work or behaviour;
- Give my child opportunities for home learning and support homework from school;
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour;
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions about my child's progress;
- Ensure that my child attends school regularly, arrives punctually and to send a letter to explain unavoidable lateness or absence;
- Keep the school informed about changes in home address, telephone number and other relevant contact information;
- Request leave of absence for holiday purposes during term time, in exceptional circumstances only, ensuring such requests are sought well in advance;
- Use social media in a way that does not cause grievance to the school or other parents or children;
- Speak to all members of staff with respect and courtesy;
- Understand that exceptions to practice cannot always be made for your child;
- Support the Catholic community and the school governors in their responsibilities for maintaining the school buildings in good repair.

Pupil responsibilities

"I acknowledge the different and unique talents which God has given me and my responsibility to use them wisely."

Therefore I will:

- Live out our mission statement every day
- Learn something new each lesson and always do my best
- Share my feelings honestly and politely and show consideration for others in my school
- Behave sensibly so we can be happy and safe as we learn
- Try to think for myself and take responsibility for my actions
- Observe all the school rules, including e-safety, and treat everyone with respect
- Use social media in a way that does not cause upset to other children, parents or the school
- Ensure that I will not use my mobile phone in school
- Attend school regularly and on time
- Wear the school uniform and bring all the equipment I need every day
- Take care of all school equipment and keep our school free from litter

PARENTAL DECLARATION

I/We have read St. Joseph's Catholic 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 the school expects from all pupils.

Signed: _____

_____ Parents/Guardians

of _____ Pupil

Date: _____

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