Home School Agreement

_Christ Is the Centre of Our School Community Where We Live, Love and Learn Together_

The Local Academy Committee of St Thomas Aquinas School is very pleased to welcome your child as a member of our school community. We know that the best way to ensure that your child is happy and successful is by developing a strong partnership between school and home. For that reason, we ask you as parents and your child to consider the contents of this agreement with care before signing.

Student Name

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The Student Agreement

To be signed by the student

I will strive to be a committed learner and an exceptional person. I will do this by:

Keeping the VALUES and VIRTUES of our school, behaving well and respecting all other members of the school community.

I will demonstrate the values by –

- Showing respect for everyone and everything in our community
- Taking responsibility for my own learning and behaviour
- Being ready to learn in all lessons

I will demonstrate the virtues by –

- Being honest and truthful in all my actions
- Showing kindness and compassion towards everyone in our community
- Helping others through my service to school and the wider community

Having the best possible attendance record, being on time, in full uniform and with all the equipment I need each day.

We expect students to have at least……..

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- Doing my classwork and homework to the best of my ability.
- Using my school journal every day, keeping it in perfect condition. Should I need to replace my journal I will buy another one from reception for £3.50
- Conforming to the bus travel Code of Conduct, as detailed in the student journal.

Should you choose not to follow the above set of rules, consequences will be put in place.

Student’s Signature

Print Name

Date

The Local Academy Committee hope that your child will be happy during their education at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School and that they will participate to the best of their ability and take the opportunities offered to gain personal success and become a confident and caring young person.

Should there be any cause for concern, all complaints not dealt with through normal school procedures should be addressed to the Head of School.
The Parent Agreement
To be signed by the parent

We shall support the school by:

- Encouraging our child to participate fully in the spiritual and religious life of the school.
- Ensuring that our child has the best possible attendance and punctuality record. We will also ensure our child attends school with the correct equipment for lessons.
- Ensure the school has up to date and accurate contact information. The school cannot accept responsibility if text messages do not get through to you.
- Avoiding absence and not booking holidays during term time. Telephoning the school on the morning of the first day of absence and providing a letter of explanation on return.
- Ensuring our child is in full uniform including plain black shoes and plain black coat.
- Ensuring our child follows the school requirements regarding jewellery, including no earrings or piercings and ensuring extreme hairstyles are avoided. (Please note the Local Academy Committee decision is final)
- Ensure that no unnecessary items of value are brought into school.

PLEASE NOTE MOBILE PHONES, MP3S AND HEAD/EAR PHONES ARE FORBIDDEN AND THE SCHOOL ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE ITEMS. IF SEEN THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED AND ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE WILL NOT BE INVESTIGATED.

- Informing school immediately about any concerns or problems, which may affect our child’s behaviour or work.
- Supporting the school’s policy and guidelines for good behaviour and the prevention of bullying which involve the administration of appropriate sanctions including 1 hour same night detentions.
- Encouraging our child to work hard to complete schoolwork and homework.
- Ensuring my child conforms to the bus travel Code of Conduct as detailed in the student journal.
- Attending Parents’ Evenings and Education Evenings relevant to our child’s progress and wellbeing at school.
- Ensuring our child adheres to all guidelines and instructions regarding behaviour. Accept the school’s right to move students through the disciplinary stages, using Passport placements and sharing panel provision at schools in the Oaks collegiate if behaviour is deemed unacceptable over a prolonged period.
- Reminding our child that their participation on school trips and activities depends on him/her keeping to the criteria as detailed in the student journal.
- Giving permission for my child to participate in offsite school activities.
- When communicating with staff in the school I agree to communicate in a respectful manner.
- Understand that everything we do in this school is to create a committed learner and exceptional person.

Parent’s Signature
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Print Name
____________________________________  Date________________________
The school Agreement

The school will:

- Promote full participation in the religious and spiritual life of the school and encourage the practice of moral and spiritual values in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

- Provide as broad and balanced a curriculum as possible together with a broad range of public qualifications, which sets out to meet the individual needs of your child.

- Set and mark homework in line with school policy and provide opportunities for homework to be completed at school.

- Provide regular information about your child’s progress through annual reports and Parents’ Evenings.

- Provide pastoral support for your child’s personal welfare and safety so that they feel secure and a valued member of the school community.

- Provide regular information and opportunities for consultation about all matters relating to the life of our school through Parents' Evenings, Education Evenings, the Friday Letter and other communications.

- Work closely with you as parents, contacting you quickly to deal with any concerns, which may affect your child’s progress at school.

- Provide clear guidelines about good behaviour and ensure sanctions are applied so that learning is not interrupted and success is maximised.

- Provide opportunities for your child to celebrate their achievements exercise their personal qualities and grow to be a caring member of society.

Mr Chris Martin
Principal

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