

ST JAMES THE GREAT RC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

HOME-SCHOOL-CHILD AGREEMENT

Our agreement is based on the following:

Parents have chosen St James the Great School because "...it exists to educate children with the gospel values, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic faith at the centre of its ethos . . . and will provide a framework within which all pupils are enabled to develop the highest possible level of achievement fulfilling their academic, moral, physical and spiritual potential". *(An extract from the school's Mission Statement.)*

The School will:

- Build upon the religious education and Christian environment found in a good Catholic home, and strive to offer in school a committed presentation of our Faith.
- Demonstrate commitment to gospel values and practice of the Catholic faith.
- Encourage children to be active within their local parish and the local community.
- Provide a range of charity work for pupils.
- Be open and welcoming by providing a happy, caring and secure environment.
- Encourage children to take care of their surroundings and others around them.
- Encourage our children to achieve their best in all aspects of their development – behaviour, social skills and learning.
- Provide a balanced curriculum and aim to meet the individual needs of all children. This will include monitored use of internet resources.
- Inform parents about what the teachers aim to teach.
- Keep parents informed about their children's progress at regular meetings, informal meetings and various other opportunities for communication.
- Provide a clear homework programme in line with the school's published homework policy.

Teacher's Signature:

The Family will:

- Maintain regular practice of the Catholic faith.
- Support the school policies in encouraging good behaviour in your child.
- Ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform and conforms fully with the school's dress code.
- Make sure your child attends regularly and provide a note of explanation if he/she is absent.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time. Make sure their child is collected promptly.
- Ensure that your child completes his/her set homework to the best of his/her ability.
- Attend contact meetings to discuss your child's progress.
- Tell the teacher what they need to know in order to help your child's development.
- Encourage your children to respect their home environment by organising themselves and their effects within home routines in order to be as well prepared as possible for daily school routines.

Parent's Signature:

The Child:

- I will be polite, kind, helpful and friendly to everyone.
- I will work hard, try to do my best, **and allow everyone else to do so too**, both in school and at home.
- I will let my parents or teacher know if something is worrying me.
- I will take care of the school and the buildings.
- I will take care of and respect school resources, books, equipment, instruments, furniture etc.
- I will be responsible for my own personal belongings including physical education kit.
- I will make appropriate use of internet resources provided and will keep to tasks set.

Together we will:

- Encourage the children to grow in their faith and become responsible members of their school and the community, thereby becoming good citizens in the broadest sense.
- Encourage the children to keep the school rules.
- Support the children’s learning both at home and at school, to help them achieve their best.
- Celebrate the children’s achievements in and out of school.
- Work together to sort out any problems that may arise, i.e. educational, behavioural or social.
- Promote racial, cultural and religious awareness among children, and an understanding that all people are equal regardless of race, creed, sex, age and disability.

Headteacher’s Signature:

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Reception and Year 1

The Governors of St James the Great School fully endorse this Home-School Agreement. They will in turn actively promote the aims of the agreement and support the ongoing development of strong home-school-parish links.