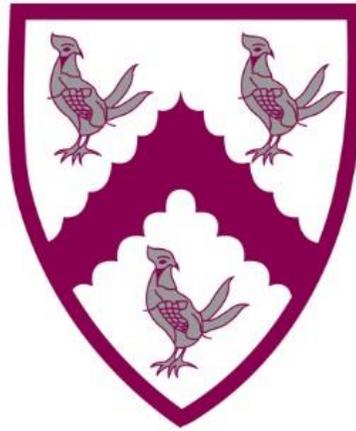


St Thomas More Home School Agreement



In the best interests of the children, the School, Parents and Governors we have developed a Home School Agreement

We all, at home and school, share one goal – to provide a happy, secure and caring environment to each St. Thomas More pupil enabling them to flourish and learn successfully, to grow in the love of God and to show respect for all children and adults.

We adults must all do everything we can to support the children in this.

ETHOS

Central to the school's existence is the Mission Statement; it strives to encapsulate the Gospel values by which all members of our Catholic community try to live.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School was founded to pass on to the children the faith heritage of the local Catholic Community. Each child is valued as a unique individual, a child of God, made in the image of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In partnership with parents and parish and with God's grace, the school tries to discern and help the child to develop fully as a person with particular gifts and aptitudes. Guided and challenged by Gospel values, the school aims to provide a community in which the child will grow and experience the love of God, self and neighbour.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU



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Agreement for school

The school will:

- Demonstrate our faith and the school's foundation in the teaching of Jesus Christ, by what we teach and the way we live and worship in our school
- Help your child to understand and respect our Mission Statement
- Encourage your child to respect each other and all those they come into contact with
- Expect the best from your child in their behaviour and work
- Inform you regularly how your child is progressing
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety, happiness and self-confidence of all children
- Be open and welcoming, at all reasonable times, and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the life of the school
- Contact you as soon as possible if we are concerned about your child's work or behaviour
- Contact you if there is a persistent problem concerning your child's attendance or punctuality
- Offer a broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of your child
- Set homework tasks regularly
- Offer extra –curricular activities to enrich your child's experiences

Signed Head Teacher

**Agreement for parents/carers
To help my child at school, I will:**

- Support my child in prayer, worship and celebrations through the Gospel values of Christ.
- Support my child to have a respectful attitude towards the school's Mission statement and model this ethos
- Communicate with school via the office
- Support the school by sharing any worries or concerns PRIVATELY with the class teacher in the first instance. (Do not voice your concerns in front of your child or other children in a public place. Instead we would ask that you make an appointment. We are always willing to listen and do our best to come to a shared understanding. If the parent criticizes the school, the child will do the same, and this will affect his/her learning).
- Make sure that my child arrives at school on time and is collected on time
- Make sure that my child attends school regularly and inform the school of the reason for any absence
- Support the school's policies on and guidelines on maintaining good behaviour and discipline
- Support my child with homework and any home learning opportunities and listen to my child read, ideally daily
- Attend open evenings and parent meetings
- Ensure that my child wears the school uniform which is clearly labelled with their name
- Let you know if there are any problems that may affect my child's ability to learn
- Attempt to support the Friends of St Thomas More as far as possible

In relation to continuing mutual respect between home and school, as parents we will

- Approach school staff for help with any issues in an appropriate manner
- Remain courteous at all times through communication in person, via the telephone, written communications and emails
- Ensure that social media is not used to express grievances about our school our staff or our pupils

The Governors and Head teacher consider any **verbal or physical** threats/abuse by parents towards other people's children, school staff or other parents is unacceptable. Any incidents will be passed on to our governing body.

Signed Parent/Carer