



# ***HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT***

*At St. Anthony's we believe we  
are a community striving to  
live, love and learn together  
joyfully following Jesus Christ.*



## TOGETHER THE FAMILY AND SCHOOL WILL:-



- ❖ Provide a Catholic Community of Faith and Love in which each child is valued as an individual and is encouraged to use God's gifts fully.
- ❖ Support fully the ethos of the school with collective worship and Masses in church and other Liturgical events. **This applies to all children, Catholic or non-Catholic children.**
- ❖ Support the school in raising children's awareness and understanding of other faiths and cultures through appropriate teaching and visits.
- ❖ Support each child's individual needs to help them to achieve their best in their learning and behaviour.
- ❖ Encourage the whole school community to keep the School's Codes of Conduct taking special care of God's creation, each other and the world in which we live.
- ❖ Provide the best outcomes for each individual child and agree to involve external agencies where required and other support staff that work for Saint Anthony's including our Child and Family Support Worker.
- ❖ Demonstrate mutual respect at all times and behave in an appropriate manner following the high expectations of Saint Anthony's.
- ❖ Follow the Safeguarding Policies in school including the Child Protection Policy to ensure that children are kept safe and understand that if required, external agencies may become involved.
- ❖ Share these expectations with your own children so that they also have a clear understanding of the expectations of school.
- ❖ Work together to support the Healthy Schools Programme.



## THE FAMILY WILL:-



- ❖ Support and agree to the high expectations we have at Saint Anthony's for the benefit of all.
- ❖ Support all School's policies and adhere to the information in the School Prospectus.
- ❖ Show respect for all members of staff. All concerns, worries or complaints will be listened to as long as staff are approached in an appropriate manner. Families demonstrating inappropriate behaviour to staff may result in them being asked to leave the school site.
- ❖ Make sure their child arrives at school on time every day: 8.45 am. If required poor punctuality will be reported to the Education Welfare Service.
- ❖ Make sure their child attends school regularly. All children are expected to be in line with national expectations at least which is (95%). If a child is absent it is the responsibility of the family to inform school by telephone or in person, on the first day of absence by 9.30am. Failure to inform school on the first day may result in your child's absence being marked as unauthorised. Poor attendance will be reported to the Education Welfare Service.
- ❖ Try to avoid disrupting their child's education by taking holidays during term time. Holidays cannot be authorised and requests for other absences can only be authorised for attendance above 95% and at the discretion of the Head Teacher - Children in Year 6 must avoid holidays in school time.
- ❖ Support the School's E- Safety Policy and the Acceptable Use Policy for ICT.
- ❖ Support the School's policies on Behaviour and Learning. Families will support school with any behaviour difficulties and attend c... .. the class teacher or Leadership team.



# SUPPORT



- ❖ Support school policy regarding regular Homework. All children are expected to read to parents on a regular basis at home (where possible every evening), learn spellings and learn times tables. Supporting your child at home is crucial.
- ❖ Support School's policies regarding expectations for uniform, limited jewellery, PE kit , no extreme haircuts including shaven hair, nail varnish etc. Please refer to the School Prospectus regarding high standards and type of uniform and presentation decided by the Governing Body. Families will support school by labelling all clothing.
- ❖ Support school's policy regarding no mobile phones for children in school (only exception if agreed by Head Teacher in writing and phone is then kept in school office - only applicable to a Year 6 child)
- ❖ Try to attend, when possible, events involving your child e.g. Class Assemblies, Masses, Sports Day. other class events.
- ❖ Advise the school of any health or relevant family problems and follow the school's Medicine Policy. If school has concerns regarding any health issues families must follow this up with the doctor, school nurse, optician.
- ❖ Attend all Parents' Evenings to discuss their child's progress and any other appointments as required.
- ❖ Demonstrate appropriate behaviour on the playground regarding appropriate use of language, no smoking, no dogs, no confrontations in front of children.
- ❖ Approach school if there is a difficulty with another family and not approach other families or school children themselves.
- ❖ Follow the school rules regarding the school environment and Health and Safety issues. No scooters, bikes or skates are to be used once through the school gates.





- ❖ Parents and families **must not** use social network sites to air their opinions or complaints of school or members of staff. This is unacceptable behaviour and where necessary the matter will be raised with the Governing Body. If a parent has a complaint they should follow the Complaints Policy and bring their complaint to the class teacher or Head Teacher in the first instance either in person or in writing.
- ❖ **PARENTS NOT USE FACEBOOK OR OTHER SOCIAL NETWORK SITES TO DISPLAY PHOTOS OF THEIR CHILD LINKED TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AS THEY DO NOT HAVE THE PERMISSION FROM SCHOOL OR FROM ALL THE OTHER PARENTS IN SCHOOL**
- ❖ Agree to the school policy regarding data protection. Use of cameras and videoing of children in performances can only be for home use and must not be put on to social networks i.e. Facebook etc.
- ❖ Ensure that school are aware if someone different to normal is picking up your child otherwise your child will be kept in school until appropriate contact is made with the names on the contact sheet. Please note that children will only be handed over to a person who school feel is able to be responsible for the child. We do not recommend children under 16 and we reserve the right to say no to anyone we feel is not suitable. This will be at the discretion of the Leadership team. This decision would be based with the best interests of the child in mind at our school.
- ❖ Ensure that all contact details for the family are kept up to date in case school needs to make contact with the family. Please inform the office immediately of any changes especially mobile phone numbers.
- ❖ Support the Healthy Schools Programme and provide appropriate healthy lunch boxes and snacks and drinks.
- ❖ The family will follow the rules regarding parking. Parents are not allowed to park in the school car park in front of the school entrance. Failure to follow this rule may result in you being fined by the Police for illegal parking.



**Healthy Schools**



## YOUR CHILD WILL:-

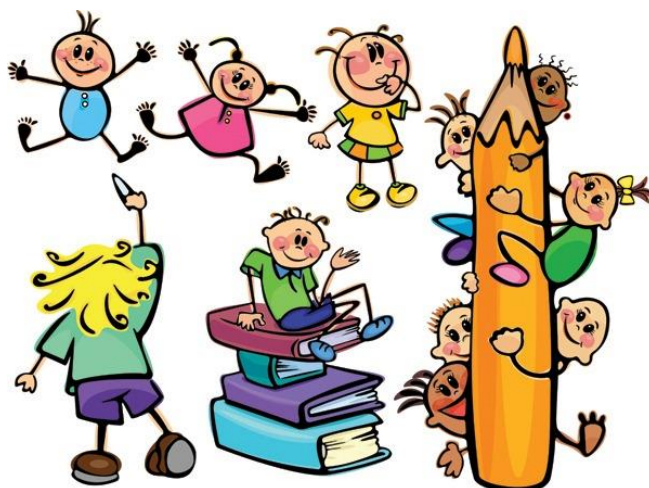


- ❖ Show respect for all and behave in an appropriate manner following the high expectations of school.
- ❖ Try his/her best, listen to the teacher or adult who is working with him/her and finish all work on time including his/her homework.
- ❖ Work quietly and sensibly and do as he/she is told by staff.
- ❖ Be polite and helpful to others because each one of us is special.
- ❖ Look after our school building, its books and equipment.
- ❖ Look after the school environment and not destroy the grass or plants. Show respect for the property of the local community on the journey to and from school.
- ❖ Take care of his/her own clothes and belongings and have respect for those of others. Encourage a family member to ensure clothing is labelled.
- ❖ Ensure that all homework tasks are completed and done to the best of the child's ability. Reading must be done regularly every week and where possible every day.
- ❖ Spellings and Times tables must be learnt.
- ❖ NOT hurt or bully other children by teasing, calling names or fighting.
- ❖ TELL the Head Teacher or Leadership team or another member of staff if they have any worries or concerns of any type.
- ❖ Wear his/her school uniform following the expectations of school as described in the School Prospectus.





- ❖ Follow school rules regarding no extreme haircuts, jewellery, nail varnish, fake tattoos, etc. All girls with long hair will keep their hair tied back. No excessive hair bobbles or clips.
- ❖ Make right choices according to the high expectations of school.
- ❖ Follow school rules following the high expectations of school.
- ❖ Be honest and truthful at all times.
- ❖ Follow the schools code for E Safety and keeping yourself safe when using IT and the internet. Any concerns must be reported to a member of staff immediately.
- ❖ Follow the school rules regarding the school environment and Health and Safety issues. No scooters, bikes or skates are to be used once through the school gates.
- ❖ Make the most of all opportunities presented to him/her at school for example joining in extra curricular activities.
- ❖ Share with staff any concerns regarding his/her own personal safety or the safety of others in school or at home.
- ❖ Respect school rules regarding healthy choices, snacks etc.
- ❖ Represent Saint Anthony's following the high expectations of school.





## THE AIMS AND VALUES OF ST.ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*The school was founded by and is part of the Catholic Church. The school is to be conducted as a Catholic school in accordance with the Trust Deed of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and in particular :-  
religious education is to be in accordance with the teachings, doctrines, discipline and general and particular norms of the Catholic Church;  
religious worship is to be in accordance with the rites, practices, discipline and liturgical norms of the Catholic Church;  
and at all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **The Distinctive Nature of Catholic Education – Catholic Bishops (1996)**

*Whatever their status, Catholic schools and colleges are established to support Catholic parents in their responsibility for the academic, physical, spiritual, moral and religious education of their children in accordance with the teachings of the Church. This means St Anthony's R.C. Primary School is committed to promoting:*

#### **The Search for Excellence**

*The search for excellence is seen as an integral part of the spiritual quest. Christians are called to seek perfection in all aspects of their lives. In the school pupils are, therefore, given every opportunity to develop their talents to the full.*

#### **The Uniqueness of the Individual**

*Within the school, each individual is seen as made in God's image and loved by Him. All pupils are, therefore, valued and respected as individuals so that they may be helped to fulfil their unique role in creation.*

#### **The Education of the Whole Person**

*Catholic education is based on the belief that the human and divine are inseparable. The school's, management, organisation, academic and pastoral work, prayer and worship, all aim to prepare young people for their life as Christians in the community.*

#### **The Education of All**

*Our belief in the value of the individual leads the school to have a duty to care for the poor and to educate those who are socially, academically, physically or emotionally disadvantaged.*

#### **Moral Principles**

*St. Anthony's Roman Catholic school aims to offer young people the experience of life in a community founded on Gospel values. In religious education in particular, we aim to transmit to them the Catholic faith. Both through religious education and in the general life of the school, we aim to prepare pupils to serve as witnesses to moral and spiritual values in the wider world.*



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