

## Home - School - Child Agreement

### Instrument of Government Ethos Statement

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 canon law and teachings of the Catholic Church, and 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 time the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus.

### General aims and school ethos

**St Nicholas School is a welcoming Catholic Community where we pray, live and learn together following the example of Jesus Christ.**

- To be a welcoming community where each member is valued and respected because we are unique in the sight of God.
- To help everyone in our School Community to grow in the knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith and the person of Jesus Christ.
- To encourage all in our school to reach their full potential within a happy, secure and stimulating Catholic environment.
- To foster and maintain links with the home, parish and the wider community.

### The School Will:

- Expect high standards of work and behaviour.
- Care for your child's safety and happiness.
- Provide opportunities for spiritual development through the liturgy, worship and the preparation for the sacraments.
- Be welcoming and offer opportunities for parents to become involved in the daily life of the school.
- Inform parents about their child's progress at parents' evenings and by means of an annual report.
- Encourage children to take care of their surrounding and respect others.
- Keep parents informed about school activities through Monthly Newsletters.
- Inform parents about any concerns or problems which affect their child's work or behaviour.
- Contact parents if there is a problem with attendance, punctuality or equipment.

**Signed .....** (Head / Teacher)

**The Family Will:**

- See that their child goes to school regularly, on time (to start at 9.00am) and is properly equipped.
- Support the spiritual development of their child by regular attendance at Mass and by prayer.
- Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
- Support their child with homework and other opportunities for home learning.
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions about their child's progress
- Get to know about their child's life at school.
- Endeavour to take holidays in school holiday time.
- Keep the school informed about any concerns or problems (medical, physical or emotional difficulties) that might affect their child's work or behaviour.

**Signed .....**(Parent)

**The Pupil:**

- I will attend school regularly, on time and bring all the equipment needed every day.
- I will always work hard and do all my classwork and homework as well as possible.
- I will be polite, kind and always respect others.
- I will wear the school uniform and be tidy in appearance.
- I will take good care of the school, its equipment and buildings.

**Signed .....** (Pupil)

**Together we will:**

- Tackle any special needs.
- Encourage children to keep the school rules.
- Support the child's learning to help them to achieve their best.

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Dear Parents

The School Standards and Framework Act requires all schools to draw up a Home-School Agreement. As the name implies, this is an agreement between parent, child and school so that each clearly understands what is expected of them. The Home-School Working Party, Governors and Staff helped to prepare the agreement, which is attached to this letter.

You will see that there is a section in the agreement on what is expected of pupils. We feel that parents should explain what behaviour is expected from them and that they should sign up to these expectations.

This is an important initiative to further increase the links between families and school. Please sign one of the agreements and return it to school, the second copy is for your reference.

Yours sincerely

Mrs McConnell  
Headteacher