

# Sacred Heart Catholic School Home-School Contract



## As a school/staff ...

### Learning -

*All that we do is embedded in the gospel values and the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

**We will teach all pupils to live their lives by the teachings of the Catholic Church and gospel values.**

- We believe every pupil at Sacred Heart is capable of academic success
- It is through hard work on the part of each pupil, with our support, that their potential will be realised.
- We will deliver a knowledge based academic curriculum which is adapted to support our pupils.
- We will make sure we always come to lessons prepared and continually interest pupils in the challenging work that paves the way for success in school and life.
- We will organise intervention sessions for your child where and when we feel that this is needed to help them reach the highest possible grades.
- We will acknowledge a pupil's effort and commitment through the school's reward programme.
- We will set appropriate and relevant home learning, including on weekends, which we provide feedback on during lesson time.
- We will go out of our way to get to know our pupils as individuals and make any reasonable adjustments for them.
- We will ensure that the needs of or SEND pupils and those who are the most disadvantaged are met.
- We will offer a broad and balanced curriculum for all our learners.
- We will care about our pupils' wellbeing and protect their safety at all times.

### Parent-School Communication

- We believe that, through regular communication, a relationship of trust between school and home can be created.
- We will hold parent meetings at least once a year and issue a school report twice a year. This will be uploaded to the parent APP for our parents and guardians to view.
- We will make sure that pupils and parents will be able to contact their class teacher by email via [enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net) and we will reply to all communications from parents as soon as possible (usually within 48-72 hours).
- We will check home learning regularly in lessons where it has been set.
- We promise to welcome parents into the school community and offer support where we can.

### Rewards and Discipline

**We will reward excellent effort, high standards of behaviour and meeting the Gospel values using our reward system. We have extremely high standards for all pupils at Sacred Heart Catholic School.**

- We will enforce the Sacred Heart Catholic School Behaviour Policy consistently and fairly. (see website for a copy of this)
- We will protect pupils from poor behaviour by insisting on the highest standards and holding pupils to account for their actions.
- We do NOT allow parents to sanction any deviation from the school uniform. Any deviation such as the wearing of trainers can only be sanctioned by the school if a medical note signed by a medical professional is provided.



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- We reserve the right to confiscate any item from a pupil that contravenes our school policy and search pupils if we believe that items in their possession might cause harm to others or to themselves.

***No Behaviour Policy or Home School Contract can cover all eventualities. The Principal reserves the right to help Sacred Heart Catholic school pupils make better choices and learn the right lessons.***

## As parents/carers ...

### **Learning**

- **We respect the Catholic ethos and vision of the school.**
- We believe our child is capable of academic success.
- We will support the school's efforts by encouraging the best possible standards in our child's studies.
- It is through hard work on the part of our child, with our support, that their potential will be realised.
- We will ensure that our child punctually attends all intervention classes identified for them.
- We will allow our child to go on field trips and residential trips. We understand this will mean that they may stay away overnight.
- We understand that our child will have home learning every week and that it will increase in length as they progress through the school. It is our responsibility to see that home learning is completed.
- We will support home learning completion by providing a quiet working area at home for our child to study.

### **Attendance**

- We will ensure our child arrives at school before **8.35am (or at 8.35am exactly)**
- We will not plan for family holidays or other absences during term time. We accept that the school will refer any unauthorised absence of this nature to local authority, which may result in the issuing of a fixed penalty.
- We will make certain that our child attends school every day, except in cases of illness or another legitimate reason. We will schedule routine doctor and dentist appointments during times when the school is not in session.
- If our child is absent, we will telephone the school before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence to report the reason. We will call on every day of our child's absence.

### **Uniform**

- We will make sure our child wears the full school uniform to school each day. We understand that we cannot sanction any deviation from the uniform policy.
- We understand we need to provide a signed medical note from a medical professional so that the school can issue a medical pass in the event of a medical reason to deviate from the school uniform. We understand that any member of staff at any time can ask our child to show this medical pass without question.
- We will provide our child with the equipment needed for school.

### **Parent-School communication**

- We will download the recommended school apps (or access these online)
- We will always make ourselves available to the school by providing two up-to-date phone numbers and e-mail addresses. We will update our contact details if they change via the MIS parent APP.
- We will read all reports carefully, attend all parent meetings/school information evenings.
- We will read all newsletters and letters sent by the school.



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- We will treat all members of staff with respect and courtesy at all times. We will not be rude or intimidating towards any member of staff including in written and verbal communication.
- We will only send polite and constructive emails to school staff, role modelling the language and tone that we would expect to receive in return.
- We will only attend the school outside of the designated parent's evenings with an appointment made via the school office.

## Discipline

- We will support the school's consequences for misbehaviour without reservation.
- We understand that our child cannot be excused from any behaviour reflection time.
- We understand that if our child commits a serious breach of the Behaviour Policy, that there will be serious consequences which may include fixed term suspension or permanent exclusion.
- We will only allow our child to access age appropriate social media and monitor the use of this in our home.
- We will celebrate our child's rewards and achievements with them at home.