



St. Anthony's School

Home School Agreement Policy

1. General Statement

St. Anthony's School believes very strongly in the partnership involving the pupil, parents and the school. This document sets down the expectations we have as a school and our commitment to the pupils.

2. Aims

The Standard of Education

The main aim of St. Anthony's Girls' School is to develop the potential of each pupil. We strive to promote a broad, balanced curriculum in a Christian atmosphere of mutual respect. We offer a carefully planned range of learning experiences appropriate to the needs of each girl. We stress traditional values of good conduct and high achievement.

The School Ethos

The school will promote Christian values and moral behaviour. It will provide the best possible learning environment that is safe, attractive and caring. It will make sure that all children and their families are treated with respect and sensitivity. Parents and pupils' opinions are very important to the school and the school will take these into consideration whenever policies are reviewed.

Regular and Punctual Attendance

Parents are responsible in law for ensuring that children of compulsory school age receive full-time education. The law requires regular attendance in school. This means attending school punctually on every day and for the whole school day during term time, unless there is a good reason (such as illness) for absence. If attendance problems do develop, the school expects parents to work actively with school staff and the education welfare service to solve them. Parents contact the school if their child is worried about attending school or if something happens to affect the child's learning.

Discipline and Behaviour

The school believes that promoting good behaviour and discipline in pupils should be a partnership between home and the school. Parents have a vital role in fostering good behaviour, and parental influence is critical in shaping pupil attitude and behaviour.

Homework

The school will set, mark and monitor homework regularly, in keeping with the school policy.

Information schools and parents will give one another

Good communication between the school and the home is essential. Parents will be informed when to expect a written report on their child's progress and how they can discuss their child's progress with a teacher. Parents must tell the school about any issues that might affect the child's work or behaviour. Parents are welcome to approach the school if they have any concerns or feel there is a problem. Parents should contact the Pastoral Leader but if an issue is not resolved then they can speak to the Deputy Head Teacher.

3. Responsibilities

Governing Body

- Seek financial efficiency and value for money.
- Draw up and publish school policies.
- Consult with and report to parents/carers.
- Ensure compliance with statutory obligations, including health and safety regulations.
- Monitor and review all aspects of the school's work.

Parents/Carers

- Parents are responsible for sending their daughter to school regularly, on time and in full uniform.
- Parents must ensure that their daughter has all the necessary equipment and kit that she needs.
- Parents are responsible for notifying the school if their child cannot attend.
- Parents do not have the right to take children on holiday in term time.
- If a child is taken out of school in the morning for medical reasons she should return following the appointment.
- Parents must work with the school to try and make sure that their daughter behaves well.
- Parents must make every effort to support their children's learning at home.
- Parents should attend parents' evening.
- Parents must inform the school of any circumstances that may affect their child's ability to learn effectively.
- Parents should support the school and its policies as fully as possible.
- Parents should read all correspondence from the school and respond quickly when necessary.

The School

- The school is responsible for providing pupils with a safe well ordered and caring environment.
- The school is responsible for having a clearly stated published behaviour policy.
- The school will set and mark homework regularly.
- The school will provide a balanced and challenging curriculum which meets the needs of all pupils.
- The school will listen to and respond quickly to any concerns parents/pupils may have.
- The school will contact parents if there are concerns about a child's attendance, punctuality or behaviour.
- The school will encourage pupils to attend regularly and punctually.
- The school will keep parents informed about pupil progress.
- The school will provide high quality teaching and a variety of enrichment activities.

Pupils

- Pupils must work to the best of their ability.
- Pupils must show respect for others both in and out of school.
- Pupils will be expected to observe the school's discipline and anti bullying policy.
- Pupils must attend school regularly, be on time and in full uniform.

- Pupils must cooperate with teachers.
- Pupils must record and complete homework on time.
- Pupils must respect the school environment and the local community.
- Pupils must adopt a positive attitude towards, and participate fully in, the life of the school.
- Pupils must keep the planner up to date and make sure that books are properly used and looked after.
- Pupils must be responsible for taking communications to and from school and home.

Below are government suggested guidelines for the length of time pupils should work each evening.

- Years 7 and 8 45 – 90 minutes a day
- Year 9 1 ½ hours a day
- Years 10 and 11 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours a day

4. Procedures

All parents of, and pupils in, year 7 will sign the home school contract. Parents will keep a copy, a copy will be kept in pupil files and the Deputy Head will keep a copy of all contracts. (See Annex 1).

All students in Sixth Form and their parents will sign the Sixth Form Contract. All copies will be kept by the Head of Sixth Form (See Annex 2).

5. Monitoring and Reviewing

This policy will be monitored by _____ and reviewed by the Governing Body during the Autumn Term Governors' meeting each year.



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Home/School Agreement

Produced and signed for the benefit of: _____

As a pupil I will:

- ◆ attend school regularly and on time,
- ◆ wear full school uniform,
- ◆ arrive at lessons on time fully prepared and ready for work,
- ◆ move about the building in a calm and responsible manner,
- ◆ be responsible for my own behaviour and learning, trying to reach my full potential,
- ◆ do my homework to the best of my ability,
- ◆ treat all other members of the school and community with respect,
- ◆ respect the building and keep the environment clean and tidy.

Signature: _____ (pupil)

As a parent/guardian I will:

- ◆ see that my daughter attends school regularly, on time, properly equipped and in uniform,
- ◆ support my daughter with her homework and other opportunities for learning at home,
- ◆ make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my daughter's work or behaviour,
- ◆ take an interest in my daughter's progress, attending opening evenings and events when possible.

Signature: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

As a school we will:

- ◆ treat and respect you as an individual,
- ◆ provide a safe and stimulating environment in which you can work,
- ◆ offer an exciting, challenging and worthwhile education,
- ◆ give you regular feedback on your progress,
- ◆ give you praise, encouragement and advice on how to make further progress,
- ◆ not tolerate bullying of any sort.

Signature: _____ (Headteacher)

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Sixth Form Contract

Name: _____

I undertake to fulfil my obligation as a sixth form student in the following areas:

- Work
- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Dress

Work All work set, including that given during an absence, must be completed on time or by an agreed later date.

The level of work must be of the required standard.

Attendance Attendance at all lessons is essential and absences of three or more will be notified to the Head of Year.

If attendance at school or lessons falls below 90% the student is responsible for her own examination fees.

If attendance at school or lessons falls below 85% the student will be interviewed by the head of Sixth Form and a member of the Senior Management Team to discuss her future.

Punctuality Punctuality at morning and afternoon registration and lessons is essential.

Dress Dress must be in accordance with the accordance with the uniform list in the Sixth Form Brochure.

I understand that failure to comply with the above will result in being asked to leave the school or not being entered for examinations.

Signature of student _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____