

Our Lady and St Patrick's Roman Catholic Nursery and Primary School Teignmouth

**The characteristics of this
Home / School / Parish Agreement
are firmly rooted in our
Mission statement:**



**Living, Loving and Learning together
in God's Way**

Home / School / Parish Agreement

Parental Responsibilities

We acknowledge that we as Parents and Carers are the primary educators of our children and have an irreplaceable role in supporting our children's learning in school.

Therefore I / We will try to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time.
- Contact the school if my child is absent.
- Attend all Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings.
- Ensure homework, including reading, is completed on time.
- Notify the school of any change in circumstances which may affect my child's learning or behaviour.
- Support the school's Policy on Behaviour.
- Support the Catholic ethos of the school.
- Encourage my child to show kindness and consideration to others.
- Talk to my child about their experience in school and encourage them to do their best.
- Support the School Governors in their responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the school buildings.

Signed

Parent / Carer

Schools' Educational Responsibilities

We acknowledge our responsibility to support Parents and Carers in their task of nurturing their children toward human wholeness within a Catholic Christian community

Therefore we will:

- Create a happy, safe, stimulating and Catholic environment.
- Recognise the uniqueness of each child.
- Respect the value and dignity of everyone.
- Provide for the Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural, Physical, Emotional and Academic development of our children.
- Create an atmosphere of welcome for each child and their family.
- Encourage children to do their best at all times.
- Promote high standards of work and behaviour.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Inform Parents and Carers of the curriculum each term.
- Hold termly consultation evenings and report annually on children's progress.
- Encourage children to take care of their surroundings and property.
- Set, mark and monitor homework.
- Contact Parents and Carers if there is a problem with a child's attendance or punctuality.
- Inform Parents and Carers of any concerns regarding children's behaviour, work or health.
- Demonstrate our faith and the Catholicity of the school by what we teach and in the way we live and worship together.

Signed

Head Teacher

Signed

Chair of Governors

Parish Responsibilities

We acknowledge our responsibility as a parish to support the staff, children, parents and carers of our school in developing their relationships with God.

The Parish will :-

- Provide a welcome at Mass and other liturgies
- Recognise the school as an integral part of the parish community
- Continue to build good relationships with the school community
- Support staff, children, parents and carers in deepening their relationship with God, through prayer and spiritual guidance, music and resources, both human and material.
- Value the importance of the missionary work of the school
- Participate in the life of the school wherever possible

Signed

Parish Priest

All Saints' Parish, Teignmouth

Our School within the Diocesan and Universal Church

- As a Roman Catholic School in the Diocese of Plymouth, in partnership with home and parish we are an integral part of the local Catholic community, sharing the mission of the Church to proclaim The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The ethos statement in the Instrument of Governance, states that at all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- All learning in our Catholic School is a call to service of others in the search for the Kingdom of God.
- The Church believes that parents are the primary educators of their children. No school can fully compensate for what parents neglect but all schools can enrich what parents achieve. Our Catholic schools support parents in their responsibility of fulfilling the commitment which they make at their children's baptism. The parent asks the teacher to be a partner and not vice-versa.
- Teaching is a vocation; teachers are not simply people who transmit knowledge, mark books, discipline behaviour, test outcomes and record and compare results. We believe teachers are educators who help to bring young people to human wholeness by enthusiasm, values and beliefs, as well as skills.
- We believe that agreements are not solely a list of dos and don'ts intended to clarify where the blame lies when problems arise. We note this danger as some see education as becoming more secular, functional and mechanistic. Rules that do not bend a little in schools where reconciliation is not experienced, are of little value to children.