SAINT BEDE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LYTHAM



HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Mission Statement

"We aim to reflect the true Christian Values proclaimed in the Gospel, and seek to provide a caring community in which young people can grow as balanced individuals, morally, intellectually and spiritually and so participate fully in the real world"

Pupils achieve their best when teachers and parents support each other in partnership.

In partnership, parents expect the school to:

- Provide a Catholic Education.
- Provide a safe environment, including an electronic environment, in which the child can develop intellectually, spiritually and socially.
- Encourage regular attendance and punctuality by rewarding pupils.
- Provide a caring environment, where the child feels secure in discussing any personal problems.
- Provide a positive approach to discipline by encouraging good behaviour and fostering the development of personal and collective responsibility.
- Emphasise the importance of responsible behaviour on the school and service buses to maintain the good reputation of the school, including the appointment, support and monitoring of Bus Prefects.
- Emphasise the importance of responsible behaviour in the local community, to ensure the good reputation of the school ensuring we are good, respectful neighbours.
- Emphasise the importance of wearing the school uniform correctly, both inside and outside of school.
- Regularly set, mark and monitor homework, according to the homework set.
- Assess the child's progress through regular assessment/examinations; produce reports according to the calendar.
- Arrange Parents' Meetings during which progress will be discussed.
- Be welcoming and supportive of parents, members of the parish and local community, responding to all communications.
- Provide regular information about the school through letters home, newsletters and via Firefly and the school website.
- Prepare the child for transfer to college, training or employment at 16+.

In partnership, the school expects parents to:

- Support the school's Mission Statement.
- Support their child in participating in the practices and observance of the Catholic faith.
- Ensure regular attendance and punctuality and <u>avoid taking holidays during the school term.</u>
- Support the school by contacting the school on the first day of an absence **AND** on their child's return to school, sending in a separate letter of explanation.
- Support the School's Behaviour policy and attend meetings when reasonably requested.
- Support the school in emphasising responsible behaviour when travelling on the school and service buses and support the appointed Bus Prefects.
- Support the school's uniform policy and emphasise the importance of wearing the correct school uniform both inside and outside of school.
- Support the school in emphasising responsible behaviour both inside and outside of school ensuring we are good, respectful neighbours.
- Support and monitor the child's use of social media and electronic messaging at home and at school.
- Attend Parents' Meetings and discussions about their child's progress.
- Support their child in homework and regularly check Firefly to see what work has been set.
- Inform the school about any concerns or problems that might affect their child's work or behaviour.
- Check Firefly and school website for regular communications by school.
- If they have a concern/complaint about their child's academic progress to contact the appropriate Subject Leader.
- If they have a general concern/complaint relating to the care of their child in school to contact the appropriate Year Leader.
- Encourage their child to take a full part in school life.

In partnership, the school and parents expect each pupil to:

- Participate in the religious life of the school.
- Be tolerant and respectful of all members of the school community and visitors to the school.
- Attend school regularly, and to be punctual.
- On their return to school after an absence, to bring in a letter of explanation.
- Work hard and always try their best to reach their targets.
- Wear the school uniform correctly at all times including on their way to and from school and to remember that they are representatives of Saint Bede's Catholic High School.
- Behave in a responsible way when making their way to and from school, however they travel and to remember that they are representatives of Saint Bede's Catholic High School - ensuring they are good, respectful neighbours.
- Behave in a responsible way on the school and service buses and support the Bus Prefects.
- To only use cameras in school on and for specific agreed occasions and that mobile phones must be switched off on school premises. This is part of our duty of care for everyone and respects their privacy.
- To use electronic devices responsibly and ensure that electronic communication is as tolerant and respectful as when meeting face to face.
- Bring the correct equipment and books to school, and to look after all school issued equipment.
- Complete homework as directed.
- Let their teachers know if they have any problems or concerns including online safety or cyberbullying that might affect their work.
- Take school letters or newsletters home on the same day to their parents.
- Take a full part in all aspects of school life.

This policy is reviewed and amended, when appropriate, following discussion within the School Council