



Saint Martin's Catholic Academy

Home/School Agreement

Our Christian values underpin all that we do here at Saint Martin's. Our ambition is to enable pupils, from whatever background or ability, to thrive spiritually morally academically and socially. We aspire for pupils to grow closer to God, to become more loving, virtuous and compassionate. We also want pupils to develop really effective habits that will enable them to become really successful in adult life; traits such as being articulate, studious and confident. To develop these qualities however, requires self-discipline, effort and courage.

Being studious, well-mannered, conscientious, and confident alongside many other desirable traits, does not happen by accident; "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit." Aristotle

Your role as a parent is fundamental to the success of your child, both in their education and in encouraging the qualities listed above. We need to love, encourage, model behaviour, and sometimes correct children to ensure they grow into successful young people. This agreement outlines our roles and responsibilities as Saint Martin's parents, teachers and pupils:

The Parent/Carer

I/We will:

- Support the Catholic Ethos of the school: the religious life and our commitment to support the most needy in our community.
- Support the school's aims and policies.
- Ensure that my child is polite and well-mannered at all times.
- Support my child in working hard and putting in effort to their studies, persevering when things get difficult.
- Ensure that my child goes to bed at an appropriate time for a child and has breakfast before coming to school.
- Ensure that my child has excellent attendance and arrives at school on time and properly equipped.

- Support the school's zero tolerance to poor behaviour and the sanctions incurred for poor behaviour including same day detentions.
- Avoid doctor's, dentist's etc appointments in school time.
- Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's learning.
- Ensure that my child abides by the school's Uniform policy (Please see the website)
- Regularly check and encourage my child in Prep/Homework and other opportunities for study.
- Register with ParentMail in order to receive communications from the school.
- Attend parents' evenings and discussions about your child's progress.
- Become actively involved in supporting my child's life at school.
- Ensure my child reads daily at home (Reading is one of the key drivers for a child's academic success).

The School

We will:

- Provide a Catholic education based upon the Dominican values we have inherited by our founders, including Study, Prayer and Community.
- Provide a high-quality, knowledge-rich and academic curriculum for pupils of all abilities
- Set high aspirations and expectations for your child.
- Provide a team of dedicated teachers and support staff to educate your child
- To focus on the elements that really matter in a school: teaching about the 'best that has been thought and said', supporting pupils to develop morally, spiritually and socially.
- Show relentless care in ensuring your child works hard and develops virtues of kindness, manners and respect for others.
- Be open and welcoming at all times and offer opportunities for you to become involved in the life of the school.
- Care for your child's safety and well-being.
- Respond to your concerns promptly.
- Keep you informed about general school matters and about your child's progress.

- Support your child to achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- Set appropriate Prep/Homework and provide facilities in school to support learning.

The Student

I will:

- Work hard and be kind at all times.
- Be polite and well-mannered at all times.
- Go out of my way to be helpful to others.
- Accept any sanctions graciously and, if you feel there's been an injustice, speak to an appropriate member of staff at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner
- Attend school regularly and on time and bring the equipment I need every day
- Follow the school rules as made clear by the **Behaviour Policy** and any other appropriate school policies, particularly Uniform.
- Work hard each evening to complete my Prep/Homework: Knowledge Organiser memorisation, Reading Maths practice etc.
- Not give up when things get difficult or I fail, I will persevere and be resilient.
- Involve myself in additional opportunities provided by the school
- Not use my mobile phone in school and I will never use social media to be unkind to anyone.

Signature(s)

Tutor Group _____

Name of Student: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

