



Children

our children

our St Jude's Family

happy - inspired - loved

the sky is not the limit

ready for today prepared for tomorrow

**St Jude's Church of England Primary School**

## **Home School Agreement**

### **We as a staff in school we will:**

- ✓ Care for your child's health, safety and well-being whilst in our care.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for your child to achieve well as a valued member of our school community and God's family.
- ✓ Provide a broad and balanced curriculum in-line with the National Curriculum. The school's Religious Education (RE) programme follows guidance laid out by the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education
- ✓ Provide a daily act of collective worship.
- ✓ Achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
- ✓ Give regular home learning in line with the school's homework policy.
- ✓ Keep you well informed about general school matters and about your child's progress in particular.
- ✓ Be open and welcoming at all times.

### **Pupils will:**

- ✓ Attend school every day and on time.
- ✓ Bring all the equipment I need to school every day.
- ✓ Wear the correct school uniform and be tidy in my appearance.
- ✓ Do all my class work and home learning as well as I can.
- ✓ Support our Christian Values through following our behaviour expectations and behaviour policy.
- ✓ Be polite and respectful of all members of our school community, including children and adults.
- ✓ Be ambassadors for our school when not on school premises, including trips and residential visits.

### **Follow our school Christian Values through:**

- Celebrating another's success
- Being there for each other
- Working well together
- Being prepared and helpful
- Being resilient
- Respecting and looking after all school property.

### **Parents/Guardians/Carers will:**

- ✓ Support the Christian ethos of the school and encourage my child to do so.
- ✓ Ensure that my child attends school every day and on time.
- ✓ Ensure that my child is collected on time.
- ✓ Not take holidays during term time.
- ✓ Telephone the school to let them know if my child is sick.
- ✓ Ensure that my child wears the correct school uniform and has a school PE kit available to wear as required.
- ✓ Support my child in homework and after-school learning opportunities.
- ✓ Ensure that my child is wearing the correct school uniform.

- ✓ Allow my child access to the Internet at school (please see school online safety policy and pupil acceptable use agreement).
- ✓ Not discuss school based issues/concerns, school staff, pupils or parents on social media sites.
- ✓ Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's school work or behaviour.
- ✓ Support the school's policies (available from the school office and on the school website) and guidelines for behaviour and help to promote our Christian values and vision.
- ✓ Conduct myself politely, respectfully and appropriately whilst on school premises, behaving in a way that sets a good example to the children.
- ✓ Conduct myself politely, respectfully and appropriately on all school related social media, (including Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp messaging platforms) behaving in a way that sets a good example to children and supports the Christian values of the school.
- ✓ Allow my child to attend school visits.
- ✓ Complete the photo consent form so that the school is informed about how photographs of my child can be used.
- ✓ Attend parent meetings and discussions about my child's progress.
- ✓ Get to know about my child's life at school by reading school newsletters and talking to my child.
- ✓ Make an annual voluntary contribution to the School Building Fund.
- ✓ Not use mobile phones on school site to take phone calls, videos, photographs or send messages.

### **Home-School Communication**

We value good communication between school, parents and the wider community. It is important to us and helps build a community of trust and understanding that is at the heart of a good school. If you would like to share something with us, our staff are always pleased to make time to speak with you face to face.

- ✓ To speak to a teacher or the headteacher please call the school office to make an appointment. You can also speak directly to your child's class teacher after school every day to pass on a piece of information or book in a meeting.
- ✓ Teachers are available at the start of the day to pass on a quick message or ask a quick question – for longer conversations, please arrange a meeting so they can dedicate the time and attention that you require.
- ✓ We do not use email for extended communications with parents or carers. If you do email us your concerns we will offer to meet with you face to face and not respond by e mail to the issues you raise. Good communication and understanding relies much more on body language, tone of voice and empathy than it does in simple words in an email, and we want our communication with you to be clear, open, honest and productive.
- ✓ In common with most schools, we do not consent to any conversations at school being recorded.
- ✓ We give permission for parents, carers and family members of pupils to photograph a school event – such as Nativity, Class Assemblies and Sports Days. We politely request that these images are not used on social media. Videoing events is not permitted unless there is consent from the headteacher.
- ✓ Whats App class groups can be a useful means of communication between parents and sharing information about the school day. However, if you have any queries about daily school arrangements/management decisions please contact the school directly.

**When accepting a place at St Jude's, you are agreeing to the Home School Agreement outlined above.**