

St Matthew's CE Primary School

Home School Agreement



Our School Vision

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

At St Matthew's we enable our children to become aspirational citizens. Our rich and broad curriculum is complemented by our deeply Christian ethos, empowering children and enabling them to flourish. Our Christian values teach children to value themselves: they are courageous advocates for the Christian message and the morals it instils in them. Worship is the beating heart of the school and provides opportunities to bring children closer to God.

The children of St Matthew's will be empowered to achieve their full potential, supported by guidance from God.

The school agrees to:

- Educate children within a deeply Christian environment that is safe, nurturing, engaging and enables children to flourish
- Value each child as an individual, appreciating and supporting their talents, skills, interests and faith
- Set high expectations for all children, encouraging them to take pride in their achievements
- Support families in having the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality
- Work collaboratively with parents to support children in understanding our school values and demonstrating the highest standards of behaviour
- Share information with parents regarding their child's progress, including parents evenings and reports
- Provide opportunities for home learning, through homework and online resources
- Provide opportunities for parents to be part of the school community, through coffee morning, school events and worship
- Keep parents informed about school activities through regular letters and newsletters, as well as on our school website and Facebook page
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum that enables every child to flourish
- Provide and uphold clear policies on behaviour, anti-bullying and anti-discriminatory behaviour

Parents are asked to:

- Demonstrate our school values of compassion and friendship, by treating every member of the school community with respect and kindness
- Arrange holidays, appointments and other events within weekends, evenings and in school holidays as far as possible to ensure that children do not miss school
- Ensure that children attend school regularly and arrive on time, contacting the school promptly if children are going to be absent
- Encourage their children to show outstanding learning behaviour and follow our school rules
- Support children with home learning, including reading regularly with children
- Keep in touch with the school to communicate any concerns that may affect a child's well-being or progress in school
- Support and follow the school's policies and guidelines, including the behaviour policy and sanctions, which can be found on our website
- Attend parents' evenings and work in partnership with the school to support children's progress
- Resolve any concerns in partnership with the school, in a way that supports the well-being of all

Children are expected to:

- Attend school regularly and be on time
- Demonstrate our school values and show respect to all members of our school community at all times
- Take responsibility for their belongings and school equipment
- Wear full school uniform, ensuring it looks tidy throughout the day
- Be responsible for their own learning by completing all classwork and homework to the best of their ability
- Always include everyone by being polite, kind and helpful to others
- To be mindful of their actions at all times and to apologise and reflect if they make the wrong choice, accepting that there will be consequences in line with the behaviour policy
- Demonstrate positive learning behaviour at all times and follow our school rules