



Holy Cross

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Home School Partnership Policy

HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOLY CROSS

It is our experience that the most happily adjusted and successful pupil is the one whose parent/guardian takes an active and supportive role in their education. To help your child to adjust and settle in to their new school we would ask that:

1. You carefully explain this **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT** to your child.
2. Encourage him/her to put together a folder of their achievements to date (in and out of school). Make sure that they give this to their Form Tutor as this will be the basis of establishing relationships.
3. Become familiar with the **PUPIL DIARY** and its contents and go through it with your child. Use it yourself to keep in touch with the Form Tutor on any matters you wish to draw to his/her attention. Each teacher will use it to keep you informed. It can also be used to write notes explaining absence.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATION

We are committed to providing the best service to you. Parent Evenings are held annually, and each year you will receive four progress reports to inform you of your child's attainment and learning. We would ask you to attend Parent/Guardian meetings throughout the school life of your child. Guidance Evenings are also held for all years.

If you wish to contact school please use the pupil diary to send in a written message or phone between 8.00 am and 4.30 pm (outside of these times a message can be left on the answer machine). It is not always possible for a teacher to leave their class to speak to a parent, so please make a prior appointment to see a teacher. School, however, will respond to your request as quickly as possible and certainly within 48 hours. The first point of contact for any pastoral matters is the Form Tutor.

UNIFORM

Uniform is the outward sign that pupils are part of the Holy Cross family and shows they are proud to be part of our school community. We encourage you as parents to ensure that the wearing of uniform is strictly followed and that your child wears it with a sense of pride. If you have any uncertainties, please ask.

TIMETABLE

To begin with, your child will need some help in working out his/her timetable. The timetable will be written in the Diary, and explained carefully to your child by the Form Tutor. It is particularly helpful if you can help your child with which books, equipment and kit to bring each day.

HOME LEARNING

Our school has a policy of home learning "entitlement", which can be a valuable learning tool. We ask you actively and consistently to ensure that home learning is completed. This is one of the most positive ways of assisting us in our work and ensuring that your child is getting the best out of his/her education. Home learning is meant to consolidate work carried out in school and is absolutely essential to ensure future examination success. As our partners, we also ask you to inform us should you feel your child is getting insufficient home learning, or the pattern of home learning is erratic or patchy, and immediate steps will be taken to rectify the situation.

SHOW MY HOMEWORK SYSTEM

Homework at Holy Cross is set through the on-line system, 'Show My Homework'. This system allows you as a parent to track and check your child's homework. Your child will be given log-in details in September. In the meantime, please feel free to browse the website www.holycross.lancs.sch.uk

BULLYING

If you are aware that your child is being bullied, either physically or verbally please inform school immediately. Holy Cross will not tolerate bullying. We want all our children to be happy and flourish. A copy of the Anti- Bullying code is included in the pupil diary.

A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

We welcome both you and your child as members of Holy Cross Catholic School Community and wish you a long and happy relationship with our school.

The Governors and teachers of Holy Cross firmly believe that the well-being, dignity and future success of your child at Holy Cross will be best served and achieved by a close and co-operative partnership between all of us, parents, teachers, pupils and Governors.

We, on our part, will actively work in every reasonable way to bring this about.

On your part, we ask that you show your willingness to enter into partnership with us and give your commitment to your child's future education at Holy Cross Catholic School. You can do this by signing your part of this document, thus supporting your commitment to Holy Cross Catholic School.

THE SCHOOL COMMITMENT

Governors and staff will work to build a school community which is open and caring and offers the best opportunities for the personal growth, well-being and success of every individual.

WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO:

- ◆ provide opportunities for pupils to develop their spiritual and religious life and their commitment to their faith
- ◆ provide highly qualified teachers to deliver programmes of study, suitable to the age, ability and aptitude of each pupil and in line with requirements of the national curriculum
- ◆ provide regular home learning suitable to the needs of each pupil
- ◆ establish a well organised pupil-centred environment within the year group and the school in which the individual welfare of each pupil is carefully nurtured and meaningful learning can take place
- ◆ provide opportunities for pupils to take part in extra-curricular, religious, educational, cultural, social and physical recreation activities where appropriate
- ◆ establish a code of behaviour and self-discipline amongst the pupils that will help ensure that every child feels safe, secure, confident and free to give of his/her best
- ◆ challenge and discipline those pupils who go against this code of behaviour and by their actions cause unhappiness to other pupils, stop others from learning and bring the good name

of the school into disrepute

- ◆ provide an open and effective system of communication that acknowledges partnership and shared responsibility and gives opportunity for exchanging information, answering queries, and listening to views on all relevant matters
- ◆ monitor individual pupil's progress and produce a report that will inform parents of such progress on a regular basis
- ◆ arrange regular parental meetings to discuss the progress and educational needs of the individual pupil
- ◆ alert and consult parents when any difficulties arise either with their own child or on whole school issues

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'KS', written on a light-colored background.

Headteacher

PARENTAL COMMITMENT

AS PARENTS/GUARDIANS

WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO:

- ◆ ensure our child's regular and punctual attendance at school, and supply explanations in the pupil diary when necessary to cover absence and/or lateness
- ◆ actively encourage commitment to school work and study and the achievement of the highest standards in every area of school life
- ◆ communicate with the school (as a partner) on matters causing concern such as progress, behaviour, general or particular health problems or other worries
- ◆ rigorously support the code of behaviour and appearance laid down by the school and our child's commitment to it
- ◆ monitor home learning tasks received and completed and **sign the pupil diary on a weekly basis**
- ◆ respond to the concerns expressed by the staff on such matters as progress, behaviour, attendance, home learning and general well-being
- ◆ attend all parental meetings arranged by the school to discuss our child's progress, unless it is impossible because of unforeseen circumstances. In this event we will inform the school and endeavour to arrange an alternative meeting if it is deemed necessary by any partner
- ◆ accept shared responsibility for all aspects of our child's behaviour and progress while he/she is a member of Holy Cross
- ◆ ensure to the best of our ability that our child lives by the Christian ethos of the school

PUPIL COMMITMENT

As a Catholic community following the teachings of Jesus Christ, we **CARE** for each other.

Therefore we:

Love God

Work

hard Be

kind

IN OUR SCHOOL WE WILL:

Arrive in tutor rooms by 8.55 am

Wear official school uniform with pride

Move about the school and grounds with care and consideration – use one-way

system Treat every person with respect and courtesy

Take care of all school property

Co-operate with all those in authority both in and outside the classroom

IN OUR CLASS WE WILL:

Arrive quietly and on time at the start of every lesson

Bring to all lessons pens, pencils, pupil diary and any other necessary

equipment Co-operate with the teacher and each other in the way we

listen and learn Complete all classwork set to the best of our ability

Record and complete all home learning tasks

Tidy the room and leave quietly when told to do so by the teacher

**REMEMBER, TAKE PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL AND OUR
WORK THEY WILL ONLY BE AS GOOD AS WE ARE**

HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

PUPIL

Tutor Group 7

I have read and understood the Home School Partnership and am showing my commitment to fulfil my role as a member of the Holy Cross Community.

Signed

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PRINT NAME

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