

# St Agatha's Catholic Primary School



## STATEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The life of St Agatha's School is centred on our Catholic faith, in which we proclaim the Gospel values such as love, peace and justice, which influence all our activities and relationships.

We value and encourage the uniqueness of each child and recognise that everyone has a positive contribution to make to the life of the school community.

We value worshipping and celebrating together, sharing our Christian witness and building upon the foundations already established at home where parents are the first educators of their children.

We aim to:

- **encourage** the spiritual development and prayer life of each child and help them to develop their relationship with God;
- **offer** a place where differences and problems are talked through and prayed through together and where success is shared and celebrated;
- **provide** a secure and happy environment where quality teaching and learning can take place;
- **deliver** a curriculum that meets the intellectual, physical and creative needs of each child as well as delivering spiritual, emotional and pastoral care;
- **foster** respect for, and recognise the rights of, others regardless of gender, race or ability and to offer equal opportunities to all;
- **value** the contribution of home, school, parish, community and diocese in our daily lives.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

At St Agatha's school, we believe that a partnership between home and school is very important with both teachers and parents having a distinctive contribution to make in the education of the children who attend our school. As a Catholic school, we enjoy many similarities with community schools but there is one essential difference in that we draw our inspiration from the Gospels and the mission of Jesus Christ.

This additional dimension, the religious dimension of our school, is one that we are proud to acclaim and is expressed through the celebration of our Christian values both in prayer and in Sacrament and is lived out through our own individual behaviour and commitment to and within our community.

I believe that our 'Statement of Partnership' shows how each member of our community can contribute towards sustaining our school as a caring Christian school.

I would ask you to read the Statement of Partnership carefully and then to sign it as part of your commitment to the St Agatha's community.

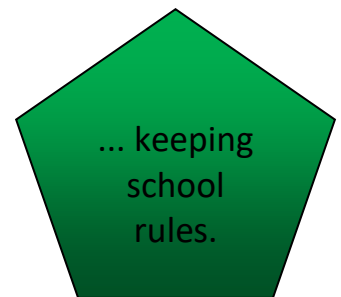
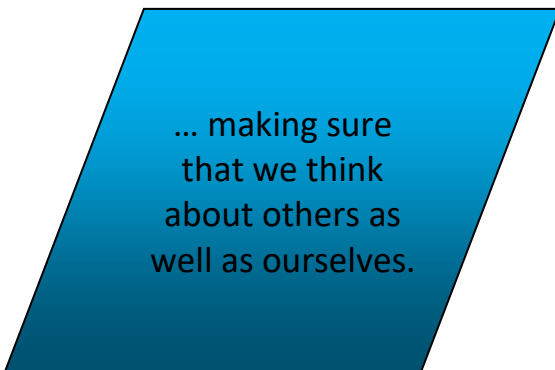
We look forward to a long and positive partnership working with you to meet your child's needs.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs. E A Cahill**  
**Headteacher**

**Children's Commitment to the Partnership**

*As children, we can help make our school a good place to come and learn in by ...*



### **Teachers' Commitment to the Partnership**

*As teachers, we commit ourselves to the school vision, core values and Mission Statement. Both professionally and spiritually we believe in teaching by example. We therefore commit ourselves to:*

- fulfil our Mission Statement;
- Support parents in the faith development of their children within a caring Christian community supported by a positive system of pastoral care;
- Provide a balanced and rich curriculum for all children helping them to acquire skills in maths and English together with other National Curriculum requirements;
- Provide for opportunities to keep parents informed about their children's progress;
- Plan work appropriate to the needs of individual children;
- Support all children in developing an understanding of fairness and justice by listening to them and encouraging values such as reconciliation and forgiveness;
- Celebrate the achievements of all children;
- Recognise the uniqueness of each child and support their personal, social and emotional development.

### **Parents' Commitment to the Partnership**

*A parent's influence on their child is greater than any other person. By sending your child to St Agatha's Catholic Primary School, you are asking for your child to receive an education based on the Mission Statement and core values of the school. We therefore ask parents to:*

- Support the Mission Statement of the school;
- Encourage and support the faith development of their children in an effort to live the message of Jesus;
- Nurture a positive image of school and learning with their children;
- Help their children to understand that our community is a place where we care for one another;
- Ensure that their children attend school dressed in the agreed school uniform as identified on the school's website;
- Ensure that their children arrive in school by 9.00 and are collected promptly at 3.15;
- Support their children with their school work and any home learning given;
- Recognise the professional status of the teachers and other staff working in the school and when dealing with them to do so in a polite and respectful manner;
- Support the school in the best way that they can.

### **Governors' Commitment to the Partnership**

*As Governors, we are responsible for developing the overall strategy of the school. We therefore commit ourselves to:*

- Support, monitor and review our Mission Statement annually;
- Be a "critical friend" of St Agatha's and abide by the principle of collective responsibility;
- Work in partnership with the church, the headteacher, the staff and the local authority to further develop the direction of the school;
- Protect the Catholic character and nature of the school by supporting the provision of religious education and worship;
- Be aware of the requirements of the National Curriculum and support the staff in how it is taught and financed;
- Attend the statutory and special meetings of the governing body and regularly visit the school to observe its daily life;
- Provide information to parents about the work of the Governors;
- Have a mutual respect for all members of our school community and execute our duties with fairness and impartiality;
- Always make decisions which we believe to be in the best interests of the children of St Agatha's school.

## **Commitment to the Partnership**

**Once you have read the Statement of Partnership we would ask you to sign it and return it to the school office**

Family Name:

Child's name:

I/we\* have read and understood the Statement of Partnership and to the best of my/our\* ability we will support the commitments set out for parents in the document and also agree to support our child in meeting their commitments too.  
[\* delete as appropriate]

Signature of parent[s]

Please print your name[s]:

Date:



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