

## **HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT YEARS 7-11**

### **1. The School**

*Oaklands is a Catholic Christian Community where everyone works together so that we can all achieve our best, as expressed in our mission statement 'Community, Unity, Opportunity'. We work closely with both the student's home and parish to support each other to enable each one of us to experience a happy school environment where we can flourish as individuals and learn well*

The staff and governors at Oaklands recognise the high expectations of our students and parents/carers and shall strive to:

- Provide a Christian education based on the teachings, values and principles of the Catholic church encouraging spiritual growth alongside academic excellence
- Live out the principles of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation and treat everyone with respect to ensure that dignity is protected at all times.
- Provide a safe and harmonious environment for learning to take place where students have high expectations and aim for personal excellence.
- Ensure each child is valued and respected as a member of our Christian Community and is given the opportunity to achieve his / her potential.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum appropriate to the age and ability of each student
- Guide and promote a culture of positive behaviour in the school community using rewards to build self-esteem and confidence and sanctions to challenge unacceptable behaviour.
- Set, mark and monitor homework regularly and within a reasonable time-frame.
- Provide written reports and arrange Parent Consultation Evenings to inform discussion of each child's progress.
- Liaise with parents/carers over any concerns or problems that affect their child's work or behaviour and respond quickly and effectively.
- Listen to student concerns and take swift action or find solutions to student issues.
- Keep you informed about school activities through regular letters, newsletters and notices.
- Encourage parents/carers and students to be active participants in the life of the school.

### **2. The Parents/Carers**

*Oaklands is a school which focuses on our students. We want to work closely with you to ensure that your child is safe, happy and learns to the best of their ability.*

In order to achieve this we ask you to:

- Support the Christian Ethos of the school
- Support your child in their work and recognise their achievements.
- Ensure that your child attends school regularly (that is, 95% or above attendance) on time, properly equipped and in the correct school uniform.
- Inform the school of a reason for all absences promptly and do not take holidays in term time.
- Inform the school at the earliest opportunity about any concerns or problems which might affect your child's work or behaviour.
- Work closely with your child's form tutor and / or Head of Year and maintain the appropriate courtesies in all home / school communication and interactions with staff
- Support the school's Behaviour Policy and in particular the rewards and sanctions procedures in place at Oaklands.
- Ensure that if your child is given a detention that you make the appropriate arrangements for them to attend.
- Monitor your child's mobile phone and social media use to ensure it is appropriate

- Avoid an over reliance on emails if the issue is best discussed over the phone or face to face with staff.
- Abide by the school's policy on mobile phone use and do not phone or text your children during the school day (8.50-3.35) nor ask them to use mobiles to contact you during the school day.
- Attend Parents' Evenings and any other meetings as they arise to discuss your child's progress.
- Learn as much as you can about your child's life at school and regularly ask what they have done and look at their work together
- Ensure that homework is completed to the required standard and check and sign the homework diary weekly
- Support your child in accessing extra-curricular activities and other educational opportunities provided by the school.

### 3. The Student

*At Oaklands you have the opportunity to achieve well. Our staff are experienced and know how to guide you so that you may make the best of your time here.*

In order for you to flourish at school we ask you to:

- Take seriously the call to love God, love each other and love yourselves
- Take responsibility for your own behaviour and the choices that you make
- Abide by the Oaklands Code of Conduct, which asks us to treat everyone with respect and courtesy, being kind to each other and looking out for one another.
- Attend school regularly (that means your attendance does not fall below 95%), on time, and with the correct equipment for all lessons.
- Be punctual to your lessons and listen attentively to assist your learning
- Work hard at all times whether in school or in other learning environments.
- Wear the school uniform correctly at all times, with pride and be tidy in appearance.
- Accept and comply with the school rules designed for the common good of all at the school. This helps the school to run smoothly and staff can concentrate on helping you to learn.
- Respect the school environment and school property and that which belongs to other people. Do not drop litter – pick it up and use the bins.
- Behave well in lessons and do not disrupt the learning of others. Talk to your teachers about your work if it is too easy or too difficult.
- Not to be defiant or rude; if you are given an instruction by any member of staff, you must follow it
- Use appropriate language in school, on the playgrounds and to and from school. Foul language and rude gestures are not acceptable.
- Behave well on the playground, during break and lunchtime, when participating in extra-curricular activities
- Join in our clubs, teams and activities to meet new friends and learn about life outside school wherever you can.
- Talk to staff if anything is worrying you. Staff will listen and do whatever they can to help you solve your problems.
- Not to take matters into your own hands; always talk to a teacher about how to resolve a problem you may be having with another student / students
- Behave well at all times on school buses and for all journeys made on public transport, by cycle or on foot, to and from school.
- Use social media sensibly; keep yourself safe online and never use sites / group chats etc to bully or intimidate others.
- Report any incident and co-operate with the investigation. Move away, not towards, any trouble and tell a member of staff about what is happening
- Be proud of being a member of Oaklands Catholic School

**HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT REPLY SLIP**

I have read the Home / School Agreement and acknowledge its contents.

Student Name: ..... Form:.....

Student Signature: .....

Parental Name: .....

Parental Signature: .....

**ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL, FORM TUTOR**

Tutor Name: .....

Tutor Signature: .....