



**OUR LADY
IMMACULATE**
CATHOLIC ACADEMIES TRUST

St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School



Home, School, Parish Policy

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'Always treat others as you would like them to treat you'.

(Matthew Ch 7 v 12)

Introduction

In the light of our school Mission Statement we see that the parish, home and school form our local Catholic community. We liaise between home, school and parish because we are aware that the kingdom of God is built by nurturing, helping, caring and supporting each other. The value of strong links between home, school and parish is the real evidence of Christian community and the vitality of the local Church.

The Local Reality

Our school serves the parish of St. Brendan's. All non-Catholic pupils in the school are included and welcomed in all forms of worship.

The staff discusses regularly the relationship between parents, school and parish.

STRATEGIES FOR HOME/SCHOOL/PARISH LIAISON

Home/School Links

This is achieved in the following ways: -

- By inviting parents and families to a variety of liturgical celebrations and acts of worship e.g. assemblies, Masses, Harvest Festival, Advent services, Remembrance service.
- By encouraging parents and friends to help in various school events e.g. school trips.
- By inviting parents and other family members to help in the classroom and other educational activities e.g. listening to children read.
- By encouraging parents to actively participate in sacramental preparation e.g. Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- By involvement in fund-raising e.g. Mini Vinnie's, Friends of St Brendan's organised events.
- By the school reporting to parents through newsletters, termly parent's evenings, annual reports, Class Dojo. Through the Home/School agreement.
- By encouraging parents to help their children with their homework.

Parish/School Links

- The parish of St. Brendan's plays a key role in the life of the school. We aim to develop our relationship with the parish:
- By involving the clergy (priests and deacon) in leading many of the liturgical celebrations.
- By inviting the clergy (priests and deacon) to attend class assemblies.
- By encouraging children to become active members of the parish e.g. altar servers, being involved in the choirs.
- By providing spiritual growth through visits to the church.
- By encouraging parishioners from the parish to become foundation governors
- By displaying the weekly parish newsletter in the main reception area of the school and on the school website, in our parish links tab.

Home/School/Parish Links

- By involving the school as a means of communication between Home/Parish/School e.g. through the First Holy Communion programme.
- Through the school newsletter and website.
- Through the parish newsletters and websites.
- Through school celebrations e.g. inviting parishioners and parents to Christmas plays.
- Faith Friends/Mini Vinnies inviting the parishioners termly for refreshments and children led activities e.g. school choir.
- Adverts about St. Brendan's Catholic Primary School being displayed in the church
- Through promoting school events and activities. g. Through the use of school buildings by the parish e.g. First Communion and parish celebrations.
- Whilst Christianity is the centre of our community we encourage an appreciation of other faiths, forging links with the wider community.
- Choir visiting local care home to spend time and sing for the residents.

Organisation, Monitoring and Evaluation

The RE Co-ordinator, in collaboration, with the Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring the liaison is organised and effective.

The work is discussed and reviewed by the Co-ordinator and all of the staff at staff meetings and when the annual review of the school RE policy is undertaken.

All of the policies are discussed and approved by the Governing Body.