

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE
Building a positive future for all, as part of God's loving family



Our Working in Partnership Agreement

At St Mary's Primary School, we value the important role that staff, pupils, and parents play in ensuring that our pupils build a positive future as part of God's loving family. Only by everyone working together in partnership will our pupils achieve their very best. Our vision and values promote Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness.' (John10:10)

We ask parents to use this ***Working in Partnership Agreement*** to talk to their children about the promises and commitments they will make towards learning and towards the school, and to think about how they will work in partnership with their children and with our staff to provide our pupils with all the support they need to grow, learn and achieve.

The agreement is focused on how staff, pupils and parents will live the values of St Mary's and work together in partnership for our pupils. Our school values are:

FAITH

We believe in the Christian ethos of our school, ourselves and each other

'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'

(Mark 9:23)

FAMILY

We support, respect and care for each other

'Do for other people what you would like to have them do for you'

(Luke 6:31)

FUTURE

We know that we can learn and live without limits

'So don't worry, because I am with you.

Don't be afraid, because I am your God.

I will make you strong and will help you.

I will support you with my right hand that saves you.'

(Isaiah 41:10)

Our commitments as pupils of St Mary's

FAITH – We believe in the Christian ethos of our school, ourselves and each other

As a pupil, I will:

- Always make good behaviour choices and follow the school values in everything I do.
- Believe in myself and in how special and unique I am.
- Keep going even when things feel challenging and not give up.

FAMILY – We support, respect and care for each other

As a pupil, I will:

- Be ready, respectful and safe, coming to school on time wearing the correct uniform.
- Let teachers know if I am sad, worried or struggling with something so that they can help me.
- Listen to and respect all staff at school, and be kind to everyone.

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As a pupil, I will:

- Work hard and always try to achieve my best.
- Complete and hand in on time all homework and read regularly at home.
- Be proud of all my achievements.

Our commitments as parents/carers of St Mary's

FAITH – We believe in the Christian ethos of our school, ourselves and each other

As a parent/carer, I will:

- Support the spiritual life of the school and its Christian foundation, following the school values.
- Take time to understand the abilities and potential of my child and celebrate their unique qualities.
- Encourage my child to not give up when they make mistakes or things become challenging and to believe in themselves.

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As a parent/carer, I will:

- Support the school and all school policies which care for the wellbeing and safety of children and the school attendance and uniform policies.
- Inform school if my child has any concerns or problems which may impact on their behaviour or learning at school.
- Treat staff with care and respect in my dealings with them, in line with the Parent/Carer Conduct Policy; be patient and calm when raising concerns with school.
- Have realistic expectations of time frames for communication and for referrals to external services.
- Be respectful of everyone in our local community including neighbours.

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As a parent/carer, I will:

- Encourage my child to be ambitious and to work hard to achieve their goals.
- Support my child in reading at home and completing homework on time.
- Be proud of all my child's achievements, recognising and celebrating their effort as well as what they achieve.

Our commitments as staff of St Mary's

FAITH – We believe in the Christian ethos of our school, ourselves and each other

As staff, we will:

- Put the caring Christian ethos at the heart of everything we do and be role models of our school values.
- Be inclusive and respectful of diversity and difference, believing in what every individual child can achieve.
- Support and empower children to have the confidence to take risks and leaps of faith and to learn from things that go wrong.

FAMILY – We support, respect and care for each other

As staff, we will:

- Keep children's safety, wellbeing and happiness at the centre of everything we do.
- Work positively and in partnership with parents, listening to their concerns and offering thoughts and ideas to help children to learn and grow.
- Offer support, empathy, help and understanding to children and families when they need it.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues and external agencies to foster a positive culture.

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As staff, we will:

- Be passionate and enthusiastic about helping children to succeed, having high expectations of them and encouraging them to set ambitious goals for themselves.
- Set work which challenges children and encourages them to learn without limits, offering them feedback to help them to be the best they can be.
- Recognise and celebrate the effort and progress of all children.

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Please sign below to say that you have read our partnership agreement and that you have discussed it with your child and that we will all work towards it this year.

Staff Signature _____ ***Name*** _____ ***Date*** _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____ ***Name*** _____ ***Date*** _____

Pupil Signature _____ ***Name*** _____ ***Date*** _____