



## Home School Agreement Our Lady of Pity Roman Catholic Primary School A Voluntary Academy

### Our Ethos

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats

We empower children to use the ‘fire’ of learning to create and enjoy healthy, fulfilling lives. This takes time and understanding; close partnerships with families are essential.

### Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement ‘**Joy Through Respect**’ serves as a point of reference which guides all actions and decisions. Our challenge to each member of our community is:

#### Open your heart to

Jesus and  
Others and  
You will have **JOY**.

All members of the community are challenged to show **Respect** by ‘taking another look’ and reflecting before making judgements. Respectful behaviour is the result of long-term social development and learning. It is characterised by resilience, confidence and altruism.

**Core Value** - Mutual respect

**Core Belief** - All children are inherently good; we set them up to succeed

## **Our Aims**

### **Outstanding teaching**

We teach a broad and balanced curriculum and aim to keep you fully informed about your child's progress. We know that working together helps children to do well.

*We ask you to support this aim by attending progress and information events.*

### **Punctual and regular attendance**

We aim to 'make every moment a teaching moment'.

*We ask you to support this aim by ensuring that your child attends school on time, every day. We **cannot authorise holidays** during term time.*

### **Appropriate responsibility**

We challenge children to respect each other, use resources carefully and to take care of property.

*We ask you to support this aim by training your child to bring all necessary equipment to school and by making sure that all belongings are clearly labelled.*

### **Ability to face challenges**

We challenge children to achieve the highest standards and to overcome obstacles.

*We ask you to support this aim by instilling independence and giving your child appropriate responsibility.*

### **Empathetic learners**

We challenge children to look beyond their own needs and consider the needs of the community.

*We ask you to support this aim by talking to your child about issues in the wider world and encouraging them to see how they can help others.*

### **Enthusiastic discovery**

We know that children are set up to learn. We make use of every opportunity to follow this natural inclination; playing outside in all weathers, placing reading at the centre of our curriculum and learning through real life experiences. We encourage children to work hard at all times, co-operate with others and view mistakes as opportunities to learn.

*We ask you to support this aim by setting aside time every day for reading, playing and talking together.*