St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

Home – School – Child Agreement – School will:

- Foster and develop the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Encourage children to do their best at all times.
- Encourage children to take care of their surroundings and others around them.
- Encourage and reward good punctuality and attendance.
- Inform parents of their child’s learning targets.
- Inform parents of the topics to be taught each term.
- Provide a safe and well organised working environment.
- Listen and respond appropriately to any concerns for the children’s well-being and safety. Support children’s medical needs in line with the administration of medication policy.

Headteacher’s Signature ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Family will:

- Support the Catholic teaching and ethos of the school.
- Ensure punctuality and attendance every day.
- Attend Parents’ Evenings to discuss the child’s progress.
- Ensure completion of homework on time to the best of their ability.
- Take an interest in the work of the child.
- Support the school’s policies as set out in the prospectus and the school website.
- Ensure the child takes good care of school books and property.
- Ensure the child has correct and clearly named school uniform at all times.
- Encourage the child to have high standards of behaviour.
- Let the school know if there are any problems likely to affect the child’s learning.
- Let the school know of any medical conditions and supply the appropriate medication in line with school policy.

Parent’s signature …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. 
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Child will:

- Join in acts of worship and activities in assemblies or liturgies.
- Keep the school’s rules.
- Try to do their best at all times.
- Take good care of the equipment, building and other children’s property.
- Do my homework and hand it in on time.
- Bring my book bag to school each day.

- Not run inside the building.
- Talk quietly when appropriate.
- Be friendly.
- Not fight with others.
- Be helpful.
- Be kind and caring towards others.
- Wear the correct school uniform.
- Let my teachers or family know if I have any worries.

Child’s signature

Together we will:

- Address parental concerns to promote an inclusive school community.
- Encourage the children to keep the school rules.
- Support the child’s learning to help them achieve their best.
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Home – School Agreement (Physical chastisement)

Schools have a statutory responsibility under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children both in and out of school.

The law

UK law protects every child up to the age of 18 years from cruel and abusive treatment by their parents and carers.

- It is against the law for a parent to use physical punishment on their child that causes marks.
- It is illegal to use an implement to hit a child.
- Parents who cause deliberate harm to their child could face criminal prosecution.
- It is against the law for anyone who is not the child's parent to use ANY form of physical punishment.

As a parent/guardian I understand that I am responsible for disciplining my children or those under my care when they are not in school. I am aware and fully understand that the use of physical force in disciplining them may be illegal in certain circumstances. This may include where an implement (e.g. belt, stick, slipper) has been used or where the use of that force has resulted in visible injury and the use of prolonged physical stress positions. (This is where children are placed in a position of discomfort for a long period of time). I understand in these circumstances the school has a statutory duty to report such incidents to Children's Social Care and that the police may be asked to investigate.

Should you want further advice and information on statutory guidance, legislation and parenting support please see:

- the school’s child protection policy on the school’s website
- Greenwich Safeguarding Children Board website provides advice for parents and carers, including information on positive and effective disciplining methods
  www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk

Please print name of parent/carer: ______________________

Please sign: ____________________________

Date: _________________________________