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### The Ethos of the School

Bishop Vaughan Catholic School is committed to the provision of a Christian education for all its pupils in accordance with the principles and teachings of the Catholic faith.

In order to achieve its mission, the school is committed to:

- fostering an ethos in which the unique worth and equal value of each individual is recognised and respected;
- providing, within a Christian setting, learning experiences which will help develop each pupil as a whole person, better prepared for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life;
- promoting and supporting the spiritual, moral and religious growth of all pupils and encouraging the realisation of their talents in intellectual, aesthetic and social dimensions;
- building a supportive and caring community in which the quality of relationships demonstrates or assists the understanding of the Christian message and vision of life;
- working in partnership with parents, parishes, and the wider community and with pupils themselves in order to create a climate in which children may benefit from the opportunities which the school provides for personal growth and maturity.

### The School's Responsibilities

- Children have the right to a broad and balanced curriculum;
- Parents can expect the needs of their children – whatever their ability – to be met;
- The School's targets for NC assessments are in the prospectus;
- The School will work with parents to maintain good discipline;
- The School will issue a full report at the end of the school year (except where pupils are sitting external examinations) with a progress report at Christmas;
- The School will hold a Parents' Evening for each year group at least once a year. Parents who wish to discuss their child's progress at another time may make a mutually convenient appointment with the Teacher/Tutor/Head of Year.
- The School will undertake to keep parents informed by issuing a Newsletter at the end of each term.

### Parents' Responsibilities

- Parents are responsible in law for making sure their children receive suitable, full-time education;
- The law requires regular attendance of all registered pupils;
- Parents are responsible for telling the school if their child cannot attend;

- Parents are expected to support and encourage their children to follow the School's Good Conduct Code and Anti-Bullying Policy;
- Parents are expected to support the School's Homework Policy by ensuring their children complete homework tasks promptly and well.

### Parental Responsibilities

***We acknowledge that we as parents are the primary educators of our children and have an irreplaceable role to play in supporting our children's learning at school.***

Therefore I/we will:

- ensure that my/our child attends school regularly, on time and suitably equipped;
- inform school when and why my/our child cannot attend;
- inform school of any concerns or problems that might affect his/her work or behaviour;
- support the Christian values of the school community;
- give him/her opportunities for home learning and support homework from school;
- support the school's Good Conduct Code;
- attend parents' evenings and discussions about his/her progress;
- encourage him/her to be enthusiastic about learning and to enjoy school;
- encourage him/her to show kindness and consideration to others;
- talk to my child about experiences in school and encourage him/her to do his/her best;
- attempt to support the Catholic community and the school governors in their responsibility for maintaining the school building in good repair.

### Pupil Responsibilities

***I acknowledge the different and unique talents which God has given me and my responsibility to use them wisely.***

Therefore I will:

- attend school regularly and on time;
- wear the school uniform and bring all the equipment I need every day;
- take care of all school equipment and help keep our school free from litter;
- learn something new each lesson and always do my best;
- share my feelings honestly and politely and show consideration for others in school;
- behave sensibly so we can be happy and safe as we learn;
- behave sensibly during my free time and make sure my actions do not badly influence or harm others;
- try to think for myself and take responsibility for my actions; observe all school rules and treat everyone with the respect they deserve

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