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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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