

# HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

In June 2014 the OFSTED inspection judged our provision for the care, welfare, health and safety of our pupils as outstanding. It stated that pupils behave very well and that our expectations are very high. Our whole school approach to our pupils and the support we give them was defined as a model of excellence. We are a listening school and we reflect upon what we do. We warmly welcome contact between home and school and we work in close co-operation with parents to ensure high standards of work and behaviour. This is an essential element in the successful progress and development of our girls and of The Sacred Heart Language College. You have chosen this school for your daughter because of our high standards. These high standards can only be maintained if every girl in our community respects all others and behaves with kindness towards others.

Please read the code we set out for ourselves, for your daughter and for you, her parents. This partnership gives the school the strength that it needs to be successful and to form and develop the confident young women of the future.

## Every pupil is entitled to:

- have access to the very best the school can offer her
- a safe, clean, tidy, pleasant environment, conducive to learning
- continuity of learning and valuing of the work done so far
- have her work marked, assessed and monitored
- expect challenges and support in her work
- receive praise and recognition of her achievements, at whatever level, and in whichever way is appropriate; (house points, comments in link book or exercise books, the awarding of certificates for achievement).
- achieve success at a pace appropriate to her ability and to be in an appropriate academic ability group
- know what is expected of her in terms of behaviour and to receive firmness and fairness in the event of misbehaviour
- know what is expected of her when work is set
- assessment and review of her work both formally and informally
- respect for herself as a person,
- motivation and to encouragement towards independent thinking
- those skills which, at a minimum, equip her to cope with the demands of everyday life
- further enrich her understanding of the community, the love of God and the unique place she holds in the world

### All parents are entitled to:

- expect all of the above to apply to their daughter
- expect the school to reward and acknowledge good work
- regular information from the school concerning their daughter's work and behaviour
- be informed of attendance and punctuality issues, through the link book, or by letter / email / telephone
- information about their daughter's ability group, test results, assessment levels and, in Year 11, the tier of exam entry
- an acknowledgement, within three days, of a letter / email / telephone call and a full response as soon as is possible thereafter
- meet with the Head of Year or appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team, by appointment, if a letter / telephone call cannot resolve a query / situation

### The School is entitled to:

- expect your daughter to respect every member of our school community
- expect your daughter to treat all members of our community, particularly other pupils, kindly
- expect your daughter to work and behave in class as directed by her teachers
- expect your daughter to do the homework set
- impose sanctions, according to school guidelines, for unacceptable work or behaviour
- support from parents in monitoring homework
- an acknowledgement from parents of communication sent via the link book, letter, email or telephone
- request a meeting with a parent if circumstances dictate
- expect parents to support the ethos and the work of the school in ensuring their daughter does her very best in every situation
- expect parents to take their full part in responsibility for ensuring their daughter arrives at school on time and ready to learn
- expect parents to take full responsibility for their daughter's behaviour outside school hours and to recognise that the school's focus is on work and behaviour inside school hours
- respect and an appropriate response from all parents in their contact with the school

### This means that, as a school, we:

- expect your daughter to conform to the expectations defined in the Behaviour for Learning Policy, in keeping with the standards and example of this very fine Catholic school
- expect to work with parents in a genuine partnership to help their daughter come to a deeper understanding of Christ.

## THE SCHOOL'S EXPECTATIONS OF PUPILS

The Sacred Heart Language College has very high expectations of good behaviour by our pupils both in school and on the way to or from school. This is one of the reasons for which you chose this school for your daughter. We are proud of our girls and know that you will want them to reflect your high expectations of them in their school life. Our school is characterised by the kindness of the girls towards one another and their respect for all members of our school community. This is what makes us a strong community; this is the message of the Gospel that we try to live in our daily lives "Love one another as I have loved you". (John 15 v 12).

Each pupil is given a link book at the start of the school year. In this, our expectations are clearly spelt out for each girl. Please read these pages with your daughter. Please insist that she conforms to our high standards. Some of the most important points in our Code of Conduct are:

### High Standards of Behaviour

Pupils of The Sacred Heart Language College are expected to:

- behave well on the way to and from school
- respect all others in our school community

Pupils of The Sacred Heart Language College should not:

- bring iPods, expensive items or large sums of money into school
- bring dangerous items or illegal substances into school

### High Standards of Uniform

Pupils of The Sacred Heart Language College are expected to:

- be correctly dressed in school uniform both in school and on the way to and from school
- bring correct equipment to school including pens, books and PE kit
- remove all jewellery for P.E. lessons, including ear studs.

Pupils of The Sacred Heart Language College should not:

- wear trainers or jewellery other than that which is permitted
- have obviously coloured / dyed hair or excessive hairstyles
- wear make-up

### High Standards of Work

Pupils of The Sacred Heart Language College are expected to:

- work hard in school
- complete homework every night

Pupils of The Sacred Heart Language College should not:

- disrupt teaching and learning in the classroom