

*St Thomas More  
Catholic Primary School*

*Home, School and Parish  
Policy*

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*“Try to be like Jesus in all that I think, do and say”*

## Introduction

*In the light of our school Mission Statement we see that the parish, home and school form our local Catholic community. We liaise between home, school and parish because we are aware that the kingdom of God is built by nurturing, helping, caring and supporting each other. The value of strong links between home, school and parish is the real evidence of Christian community and the vitality of the local Church.*

## The Local Reality

*Our school serves the parish of St Edward Parish church. All non-Catholic pupils in the school are included and welcomed in all forms of worship. The staff discusses regularly the relationship between parents, school and parish.*

## STRATEGIES FOR HOME/SCHOOL/PARISH LIAISON

### Home/School Links

*This is achieved in the following ways: -*

- By inviting parents and families to a variety of liturgical celebrations and acts of worship e.g. assemblies, Masses, Advent services, Remembrance service.*
- By inviting parents and other family members to help in the classroom and other educational activities e.g. listening to children read.*
- By encouraging First Communion parents to actively participate in the First Holy Communion programme.*
- By involvement in fund-raising e.g. FSTM events and other organised events.*
- By supporting 'The Ark' tots groups to support transitions to school.*
- By the school reporting to parents through newsletters, termly parents evenings, annual reports. Through the Home/School agreement.*
- By encouraging parents to help their children with their homework.*
- By sharing prayer opportunities for families to access at home.*

### Parish/School Links

*The parish of St Edwards Parish Church plays a key role in the life of the school. We aim to develop our relationship with the parish:*

- By involving the clergy (School Chaplain and/or Parish Priest) in leading many of the liturgical celebrations.*
- By inviting the clergy to attend class assemblies.*
- By encouraging children to become active members of the parish e.g. altar servers, being involved in the choirs.*

- *By providing spiritual growth through visits to the church.*
- *By encouraging parishioners from the parish to become foundation governors.*
- *By displaying the weekly parish newsletters in the main reception area of the school.*
- *By involving members of the Parish through our Catechists.*

### ***Home/School/Parish Links***

- *By involving the school as a means of communication between Home/Parish/School e.g. through the First Holy Communion programme.*
- *Through the school newsletter and website.*
- *Through the parish newsletters and websites.*
- *Through school celebrations e.g. inviting parishioners and parents to Christmas plays.*
- *Adverts about St Thomas More Catholic Primary School being displayed in the church.*
- *Through promoting school events and activities. g. Through the use of school buildings by the parish e.g. First Communion and parish celebrations.*
- *Whilst Christianity is the centre of our community we encourage an appreciation of other faiths, forging links with the wider community.*

### **Organisation, Monitoring and Evaluation**

*The RE Co-ordinator, School Chaplain in collaboration with the Head Teacher is responsible for ensuring the liaison is organised and effective.*

*The work is discussed and reviewed by the Co-ordinator and all of the staff at staff meetings and when the annual review of the school RE policy is undertaken.*

*All of the policies are discussed and approved by the Local Academy Committee.*