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Mission Statement

We the Governors and Staff of St Ronan's believe the school to be a vital part of the Catholic Community. We are firmly committed to:

- the aims of Catholic Education
- providing a broad and balanced curriculum to ensure that our children develop their full potential
- developing positive relationships within our school and with our parents and the wider parish community
- creating a welcoming educational community centred on Christ so that His values and Gospel message pervade the whole life of our school
- establishing a caring Catholic ethos with a positive pastoral care system
- fostering within our children the ideals of tolerance of, respect and understanding for different faiths and cultures

Our School Values:

- Happiness and enjoyment
- Effort, attitude and perseverance
- Team, school and community spirit
- Honesty, fairness and trustworthiness
- Respect and tolerance
- Politeness, kindness and caring
- High standards of behaviour
- Partnership

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School Ethos

St Ronan's Primary School sets out to create a caring and supportive environment, where all children can develop intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially, morally and spiritually.

In addition, the delivery of the curriculum is designed to develop interest and motivation in children using enthusiastic teaching and interesting and relevant learning activities.

- Children are encouraged to achieve high standards and are given as much help as they may need in order to achieve success.
- There are many extra curricular activities that encourage co-operation and discipline through team games. Children are further encouraged through a variety of musical/dramatic productions to develop self-discipline.
- Within this context there is a code of discipline that is consistently enforced to ensure that the education of children take place in an orderly and caring environment.
- Through continual monitoring of individual children's achievements, class teachers provide work pitched at a level that challenges each child yet does not frustrate.
- Good relationships within the School are vital. The staff set an example by working well together with a harmony of purpose and providing an interesting and caring environment within their classrooms.
- As part of the pastoral dimension of the School, children are taught how to care for others, to respect other people's points of view and to respect property. Children are encouraged to contribute to charity and to help people who are less fortunate than themselves.

We are a catholic maintained co- educational school seeking to promote throughout the school community an ethos, which reflects the Christian teaching and values.

We see the school as part of the wider community, responsible to it and providing an important community service. We take seriously our links with the community and encourage the involvement and interests of parents and others in the welfare of individual children and the school as a whole.

We seek to provide an excellent educational service - one that is planned and developed to the highest professional standards so that each pupil may benefit to the full.

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Home-School Agreement of Partnership and Co-operation

The staff and governors warmly welcome you and your child into our school's community. When you decided to send your child to our School you agreed to abide by the School's **ethos, standards and codes of behaviour**. We believe in a strong partnership between the school and the parents or guardians, in the best interests of pupils.

Parents or guardians, like the school, have duties towards the children. We set out these duties below as pledges, and include pledges for your child as well:

Pledges for the School:

We will do our best to make you feel welcome and needed at school, and to give you every opportunity to be involved in our teaching and learning programmes. We will give you regular information about your child's progress in acquiring knowledge and skills, and we will give you early notice of any concerns we may have about learning, behaviour or relationships. We will seek in every way to give your child an excellent education, both academic and social.

During the time your child will attend the School **we will endeavour to:**

- set high standards, and provide a high quality education for your child
- encourage your child to achieve his or her potential in all aspects of school life
- care for your child as a valued member of the school community, irrespective of gender, race or religion.
- maintain a code of conduct which fosters a caring, secure and disciplined environment
- provide a broad and balanced curriculum, matched to the needs of all
- keep parents and guardians informed about any changes in the policies of the school, and about general school matters
- extend quality care to everyone connected with the school
- ensure your child's physical and social well-being at all times and to foster feelings of confidence, self-worth and belonging
- ensure that all homework tasks are given in accordance with the School's Homework Policy and reflect the child's learning needs
- ensure that work is monitored and marked regularly
- actively welcome parents/carers into the life of the School and ensure that teaching staff are available, by mutual agreement, to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's progress or general welfare

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- ensure that all staff receive a good quality professional development program and that all staff including teaching staff are kept up to date on important educational developments and initiatives which might affect your child and to inform you of these where appropriate
- contact parents/carers as soon as possible if concerned about your child's work or behaviour
- contact parents/carers if there is a persistent problem concerning attendance or punctuality.

Pledges for the Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

I/we promise that, having chosen St. Ronan's Primary School, I/we will accept the school's overall aims and objectives, and positively support the school and class teacher.

I/we will endeavour to:

- ensure regular attendance and punctuality, and provide explanations for absence
- ensure that my child wears their uniform appropriately and with pride
- support high standards of work and behaviour
- ensure that the school has up-to-date information for emergency contact
- ensure that my/our child arrives and is collected on time at the beginning and end of the School day
- keep the school informed on end-of-day child collection arrangements, and support the code of conduct, which seeks to guarantee a caring, secure and disciplined environment
- let the school know of any problems which might affect my/our child's work or behaviour
- attend parent-teacher consultations about my/our child's attainment and progress
- encourage my/our child in homework and other opportunities for home learning
- support school community events
- support all school policies and guidelines
- ensure that my child goes to bed at a reasonable time, has a good night's sleep and comes to school refreshed and ready to learn.

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Pledges for the Pupil:

In order for this agreement of partnership between my parent(s)/guardian(s) and my school to be successful, I must:

- attend school regularly, on time and ready to learn and take part in school activities
- co-operate with the staff and accept the school's authority and rules of conduct
- work to the best of my ability, and allow others to do the same
- strive to make my parent(s)/guardian(s) and the school proud of me
- consider and respect the feelings and property of other people in school and in the wider community
- care for the grounds, buildings, furniture, equipment and books provided at school
- remember to be polite and thoughtful towards others
- do my homework and bring it to School
- wear my school uniform with pride and follow the School's dress code.

Code of Conduct - Pupils

Within this context there is a clearly articulated code of conduct for children in our school. This has been developed and agreed by all teachers in the school. The Code of Conduct should be discussed with each class and incorporated into the classroom rules. **All teachers and staff** will ensure that children abide by this code and will explain to children why any breaches are unacceptable.

- **Children are expected to:**
 - Arrive at school on time
 - Wear their proper school uniform (Parents and Staff to ensure this)
 - Show respect to adults and other pupils
 - Be truthful, well mannered and kind
 - Co-operate with their teachers
 - Do all their work in school and at home to the best of their ability
 - Take care of the school buildings and equipment
 - Look after their books
 - Walk sensibly and quietly when in the classroom and in the corridors
 - Keep the classroom and school tidy and free from litter
 - Set a good example to other children
 - Exercise self control
 - Walk to their line when outside and line up quietly when the bell rings

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JOINT DECLARATION

By working together we aim to enable your child to enjoy a positive and fulfilling experience at school, thereby helping all the children at St. Ronan's Primary School to achieve our school aim of each child achieving their full potential.