

# St Cyprian's Greek Orthodox Primary Academy



## Home School Agreement Policy

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Signed: *A. Tallis*

Name: A. TALLIS

Position: Chair of Ed. Committee

**Our Mission Statement:**

'The aim of is to provide its children with primary education of the highest quality in a supportive learning environment through the National Curriculum in the core subjects, enriched by the progressive teaching of the Greek language and Christian Orthodox religion.

The children will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and spirituality to enable them to achieve their full potential and prepare them for transition to secondary education and to contribute positively to the challenges of a diverse multicultural society.'

**CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

At St Cyprian's we believe that good attendance at school is vital to children's ability to learn. Having a good education helps give children the best possible start in life. If days are regularly missed, then continuity of learning and progress are significantly hampered as children find it difficult to catch up with missed work. Evidence suggests that children who are off school for no good reason are at risk of becoming drawn into anti-social or criminal behaviour and may also become victims of crime or abuse.

There will be times when religious requirements and family circumstances demand a sensitivity and acknowledgement that adaptations need to be made. However, in some cases children's lateness and absence may be being condoned at home or be out of the child's control. In these cases it is essential that the child is not made to feel guilty or inadequate.

School staff should set an example and ensure that wherever possible they arrive at lessons on time and demonstrate the value given to time in school. They should also demonstrate an understanding of the individual's personal circumstances whilst encouraging and expecting children to arrive punctually and ready for work. Good personal organisation and time-keeping should be part of the school ethos.

The school takes continual absence very seriously and will follow up all non attendance. The Academy Trust and the Government (DfES), monitor levels of attendance and a report is presented to Academy Trust on a termly basis.

### **HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

St Cyprian's is the first Greek Orthodox Primary Academy in Great Britain, although it is very much part of a wider Christian family. The school benefits from strong links with the London Greek Orthodox parishes and the full support of the Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain.

As set out in our Mission Statement, Christian values are at the heart of all that we do. At St Cyprian's we believe that a successful partnership between the school, the church, parents and the children help each pupil to take full advantage of all that the Primary School has to offer.

We believe that the following agreement supports this partnership in the interests of our children.

**The Academy will aim to:**

- Be welcoming at all times.
- Respect and follow the traditions of the Greek Orthodox faith
- Care for the safety and happiness of all children and uphold the Code of Conduct to ensure a safe and caring environment.
- Help and encourage our children to do their best in all aspects of their development – intellectual, social, moral, spiritual and physical.
- Provide a balanced and appropriate English and Greek curriculum, to meet the individual needs of all our children.
- Achieve high standards of work and behaviour by showing our children to value of caring for others and their school.
- Keep parents and carers informed about what teachers aim to teach each term and about general matters.
- Keep parents and carers informed about their children’s progress by arranging termly meetings and providing a written Record of Achievement each year.
- Provide homework in accordance with the School Homework Policy.

Head Teacher’s signature.....Date.....

**As a parent/guardian I will:**

- Respect and follow the traditions of the Greek Orthodox faith
- Make sure that my child arrives at school on time and is collected promptly at the end of the day.
- Make sure my child attends school regularly and provide a note or make a phone call to explain any absence.
- Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect my child’s work and/or behaviour.
- Help and encourage my child to do their homework to the best of their ability.
- Attend arranged meetings to discuss my child’s progress.
- Support the school’s rules and expectations as set out in the Behaviour Policy.
- Ensure that my child wears school uniform following the school uniform guidance and provide the school P.E. kit.
- Encourage my child to take part in the full life of the school.

Parent/carer signature.....Date.....

**As a pupil I will:**

- Respect and follow the traditions of the Greek Orthodox faith
- Try to be polite, helpful, kind and friendly to everyone in school, children and adults.
- Try to take good care of our school building and all the things inside it and in the playground.
- Try to work hard and do my best in class and I will not stop others from doing their work.
- Tell teachers and parents if something or someone is worrying me.
- Listen attentively to my teacher and other adults and visitors in School.
- Try to have a positive attitude to my work and set myself high standards.

Pupil's signature.....Date.....

**Together we will:**

- Respect and follow the traditions of the Greek Orthodox faith
- Encourage or children to keep the School Rules.
- Support our children's learning and encourage them to do their best.
- Celebrate our children's achievements in and out of school.
- Promote cultural and racial awareness within our school community and an understanding that everyone is equally valued, whatever their religion, gender, age, language, level of attainment, cultural and ethnic origin or disability.
- Support the values of the school.

Date of Next Review: October 2014