

Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Good Pastor Programme

I am writing to let you know that your child will be participating in the Good Pastor Programme from Monday 17th March – Friday 9th May 2014.

This programme is designed to help bring back into our school community those pupils whose behaviour continues to bring them into conflict with our school rules and regulations. It is framed within our mission and ethos as a Catholic school, and aims to help children become active participants in, and agents of, their own learning by developing opportunities for reconciliation and a fresh start as well as making them accountable and responsible for their actions.

The programme consists of close monitoring and mentoring within a small group, over a period of six weeks, under the supervision of a Learning Mentor.

Pupils on the programme will receive a booklet to record their progress, which they will show to their Good Pastor mentor at specific times during the day – at registration and after school. This frequent monitoring ensures rapid consequences for individuals' behaviour – negative feedback in the booklet will result in loss of 15-30 minutes at lunchtime or after school, whereas a positive comment in all categories earns the pupil a point at the end of the day. Pupils can graduate from the programme once they have accrued 20 points. Negative comments in more than one lesson per day, or over a period of days, will result in a day's withdrawal from lessons to enable the pupil to reflect on their actions and take steps to improve.

As a school, we are working to help all pupils to become more independent and responsible young people. We recognise that we will not achieve this by managing the behaviour of our pupils for them, but rather by enabling them, with support, to manage their own behaviour. We are committed to an inclusive approach underpinned by the Gospel values of love, peace and justice and feel that your son/daughter will certainly benefit from this new programme.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the Good Pastor Programme please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Remi or Mr Williams.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C. John
Inclusion Manager

Headteacher: Ms J Heffernan

