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## Parent/Guardian Covenant 2019-20

Commitment to a genuine partnership between home and school is emphasized at the Cochrane Christian Academy. This partnership is best achieved when parents, teachers, and students each support the beliefs and philosophies of the school. Parents and students understand that a nondenominational Protestant Christian Worldview will be evident throughout all curricular and extra-curricular aspects of Cochrane Christian Academy. Bible instruction, scripture memory, chapel and Godly worship will be a part of daily and weekly activities. Cochrane Christian Academy promotes and encourages all students to experience spiritual salvation and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Cochrane Christian Academy recognizes that not every student benefits from our alternative school, nor does the school benefit from every student; however, when the goals of the family match the goals of the school, it is a very successful and rewarding experience for both. We ask all parents and students to determine whether or not their goals match those of the school before enrolling.

Please indicate your commitment to this partnership agreement by signing this Parent Covenant. If, by actions or attitudes shown, a family's or student's goals do not match that of the school, administration and parents will meet to evaluate the suitability of the student's placement in the school.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree fully with the Christian Education Partnership, Mission Statement, and Statement of Faith (attached) for the Cochrane Christian Academy and agree to uphold and support them. I am confident our partnership with Cochrane Christian Academy is the right educational fit for my family.

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Name of child 1

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Parent/guardian name

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Name of child 2

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Parent/guardian signature

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Name of child 3

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Date

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A fundamental key to the success of the Cochrane Christian Academy is the partnership between the school, students, parents, and church.

## **Why a Christian School?**

A Christian philosophy of education is basic to the existence of the Cochrane Christian Academy. We trust that you have chosen our school to help you fulfill your responsibility as parents to provide God-centred and Christ-honouring education for your children. The task and responsibility of the home in raising children and educating them is firmly established in the Bible. (Exodus 12: 26, 27 and Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7)

In modern times, the necessity of educating our children in the Lord is even more important as the Scripture says deception and false teaching will abound (2 Timothy 3:1). Christian parents face a formidable task in educating their children in a God-centred, Christ-honouring fashion. For this reason, they have joined hands with other Christian parents to provide the kind of education that God has given them responsibility to provide. So, Christian parents send their children to a school where a teacher may stand 'en loco parentis' - that is 'in place of the parents.' It is from this injunction that the Cochrane Christian Academy takes its authority for existence.

Please read the following information carefully to determine if the Cochrane Christian Academy is the best fit for your family. The bottom portion of this document allows parents to sign the Parent Covenant and make a commitment to Christian education.

## **An Extension of the Home**

The Christian Academy is an extension of the home. The teacher is to exercise the authority in the classroom that a parent would. Children are to obey their teacher as they would respect and obey their parents. Scripturally, the authority to educate belongs to the parents; they delegate authority to the teacher for the time the student is in attendance at school.

Parents who send their children to a Christian school must guard against the danger of letting the school be the substitute for the Christian home. The Christian school is a supplement to the teaching and training of the home and is not to take the place of the home in teaching and training. The Christian family is the basic unit God has provided for the Christian education of children. The instruction and example of parents in the home is still the foundation. Properly viewed, Christian education is partnership education; that is, the home and school working together.

Thank you for the honour and the trust you have given to the Cochrane Christian Academy. It is our prayer that our school will be a living example of the truth of Christ before your children.

As a school, we recognize the challenge found in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.' (NIV)

## **Christian Academy Environment**

A child's character is affected by the quality of his earliest environment. The Cochrane Christian Academy offers an environment that encourages character development pleasing to the Lord.

A child is also strongly influenced by the role model of significant adults and friends in his/her life. Cochrane Christian Academy provides role models in Christian teachers and friends who share the parent's values, beliefs, and desires for the child.

A child matures intellectually and spiritually as he/she is trained to discern right from wrong, good from evil. At the Cochrane Christian Academy, knowledge is integrated with the truth of Jesus Christ. A Bible-based lifestyle is modeled in contrast to the world's relative morals and values.

A child becomes a whole Christ-like person in response to love. The Cochrane Christian Academy encourages commitment to Christ and behaviour that shows the result of God's love in both faculty and students.

The school agrees to work closely with parents or guardians in helping the students to learn and to solve their school related challenges. This will include providing competent teachers, a full and balanced curriculum, regular reporting, supervision of the students and the program, and cooperation with the home.

## **Vision Statement**

The Cochrane Christian Academy values the intrinsic worth of the individual as God's unique creation. The School adheres to the authoritativeness of the Bible and biblical principles which promote the following: Christian love, biblical obedience, Christian character development, upright citizenship practices, Christian service, and biblical stewardship of one's time, talents and spiritual gifts.

## **Mission Statement**

Provide children with a Christ-centred, biblically-based education that promotes academic success, character development, and service to others.

## **Statement of Faith**

- The Bible is the inspired, only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15 and Peter 1:21).
- God is the creator of all things. God eternally exists in three persons, the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:18-20 and John 10:30).
- Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, died on the cross for the atonement of sins, and rose from the dead to sit at the right hand of God (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9, and John 11:25).
- People are sinful by nature and are saved from eternal damnation by their faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:16-21, John 5:24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8-9 and Titus 3:5).
- Only through Jesus Christ are people able to have a personal relationship with God who is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent (John 14:6).