

Behaviour policy: coronavirus addendum

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a Catholic Voluntary Academy



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1. Scope

This addendum applies until further notice.

It sets out changes and exceptions to our normal behaviour policy. Pupils, parents and staff should continue to follow our normal behaviour policy with respect to anything not covered in this addendum.

Behaviour Principles

In light of the need for children to behave differently and to follow specific rules on their return to school during the Covid-19 epidemic, this amendment to the Behaviour Policy outlines specific changes to guidance that pupils will have to follow. Our guiding principle when making any changes or adjustments to policy is to be able to keep all of our children, families and staff safe and place their wellbeing at the forefront of everything we do.

We may need to amend or add to this addendum as circumstances or official guidance changes. We will communicate any changes to staff, parents and pupils.

2. Expectations for pupils in school

2.1 New rules

When pupils are in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below to keep themselves and the rest of the school community safe.

Staff will be familiar with these rules and make sure they are followed consistently.

Parents should also read the rules and ensure that their children follow the new procedures that have been put in place. Parents should contact Mrs McFarlane if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them and support them to integrate back into school life.

Arrivals, Departures and Moving round the school.

Children will enter school through their designated entrance. Children will enter individually and will go straight to their designated group, keeping a 2m distance from any other individual. At their designated home time, children will leave the building from their designated exit. They will leave one at a time when their parent has come to collect them, again keeping their distance using the markers on the playground as a guide.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their group classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will follow the social distancing rules to ensure they stay 2m from peers and adults.

Handwashing and Hygiene

Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands/use or use antibacterial gel before entering school, before and after eating and at regular intervals during the day.

We ask children to follow the catch it, bin it, kill it, mantra when in school, if they need to cough or sneeze, they should use a tissue or crook of their arm. Children will be reminded not to touch their face, mouth, nose or eyes while at school.

Should a child refuse to follow these routines, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below).

Social Distancing

Children who are old enough will be expected to socially distance from their peers and adults in school and on the playground/field. When children enter their classroom, they will be expected to go straight to their table in the room. Children will put their hand up if they need an adult's support, and remain seated whilst in the classroom setting. Should a child refuse to follow social distancing measures, children will be reminded and moderate disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used from our behaviour policy where appropriate.

We understand socially distancing may be more difficult for younger children, they will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a distance from peers and adults, however, we understand this may not always be possible.

Toilets

Each group will have their own toilets designated. Children will be encouraged to use the toilets one at a time (this may not always be possible with nursery and reception children). When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands.

Break and Lunch times

Children will have a designated place to play during break and lunch times. They will have their own equipment that will be cleaned after use.

Children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Children must stay in their designated area at all times.

During lunch children will eat at their table or in their own space. They will not get out of their seats and remain alongside their group supported by an adult.

2.2 Rewards and sanctions for following rules

To help encourage pupils to follow the above rules, we will:

The school house point system will continue to be in use during Covid-19 pandemic. Teachers and Teaching Assistants welcome opportunities to praise individuals for good work, attitude or good behaviour, and show recognition, if these are brought to their attention. Above all praise and encouragement should be used as much as possible.

However, if pupils fail to follow these rules, we will:

The sanctions that all teachers follow within school, have been amended.

If a child's behaviour is deemed high risk, for example, refusing to adhere to safety measures, such as, hand washing, social distancing, remaining in their group or deliberate behaviours that put themselves or others at risk, such as spitting or deliberately coughing at people or touching others referencing the virus. The sanctions of the behaviour policy will be used. This is also the case for inappropriate name calling referencing the virus.

Where a child may need very close contact it is imperative that parents know that the use of PPE where appropriate WILL be used to help avoid cross contamination or any potential virus spread.

Pupil's working from home.

If interacting with other pupils or staff online, students should always be kind and respectful to each other and respectful to staff. Students should never attempt to contact staff via social media or make comments about staff on social media platforms. Any inappropriate comments to staff online, via email, or any other platform will be taken very seriously. This is also the case of for any online bullying towards other pupils or peer-on-peer abuse that is disclosed to the school during this time.

The school references the following government document in its plans for wellbeing of all.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-pupils-wellbeing#staying-in-contact-with-and-identifying-staff-who-need-additional-support>

2.3 Changed rules

Until further notice, we will alter the following school rules:

- Expectations for attendance – the [latest government guidance](#) says attendance will be mandatory from September. St Joseph's will be reverting back to normal expectations for attendance. This includes informing the Local Authority of any pupils who are regularly absent from **school**, have irregular **attendance**, or have missed 10 **school** days or more without the **school's** permission. Any unexplained absences will be investigated.
- Expectations for uniform – the government is encouraging schools to revert to normal policy on this from September. From September 2020, all pupils must wear uniform to school and follow normal school rules on uniform as set out in our behaviour policy. If pupils cannot wear their full uniform, parents should contact Mrs McFarlane.

3. Expectations for pupils at home

3.1 Remote learning rules

If pupils are not in school, we expect them to follow all of the rules set out below.

Parents should also read the rules and ensure their children follow them. Parents should contact Mrs McFarlane if they think their child might not be able to comply with some or all of the rules, so we can consider alternative arrangements with them and support them with their learning.

- Be contactable during required times – although take into account that pupils may not always be in front of a device the entire time
- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work
- Use proper online conduct, such as using appropriate language in messages

3.2 Dealing with problems

If there are any problems with pupils adhering to rules around remote learning, including if they don't engage with the remote learning set for them, we will want to get in touch with parents and see if there's any issues we can help them address.

4. Monitoring arrangements

We will review this policy as guidance from the local authority or Department for Education is updated, and as a minimum every 3 to 4 weeks during term time by Mrs Harrand Deputy Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Child protection policy
- Behaviour policy
- Health and safety policy
- Uniform policy