



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Covid 19: Addendum to the Behaviour Policy (2/9/20)

Behaviour is the way we act and respond to people and to situations we find ourselves in.

Whilst some operational aspects of the school have changed because of the COVID-19 response, St Mary's, in accordance with our Mission Statement, will continue to aim to create a welcoming, caring environment where relationships are based on respect and Gospel values, and to develop a positive self-esteem in each child. We will continue to adhere to the principle that 'Every Child Matters' and that all children have the right to enjoy and succeed to the best of their ability in a safe, happy and secure learning environment which encourages them to grow as global citizens. Alongside this right is the recognition that we all have the responsibility for ensuring that these rights are met. We are committed to ensuring the welfare of all pupils, and to ensure that there is no bullying or discrimination. We are especially aware of the needs of some children who may need special support for behaviour. Vulnerable pupils, including looked-after children, children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), physical or mental health needs, will continue to receive behavioural support according to their need.

We will continue to follow our Behaviour Policy (September 2020) in order to support the health and safety of all our pupils whilst they are at school. This now includes the need for the children to maintain social and group distancing measures (age dependent) and to complete additional hygiene practices, as detailed in the documents: *Recovery Planning for a Full Return to School from September 2020 and 2020-21 Terms One and Two Provision Risk Assessment Risk*. We will ensure children are fully informed about the social and group distancing measures and the additional hygiene practices, and we will explain why these practices need to be followed at the current time. Children will be taught in ways appropriate to their age and stage of development and adjustments will be made to our teaching practices to accommodate children's individual special educational needs and disabilities.

With support and careful management, we will endeavour to support all children in school to maintain social and group distancing measures (age dependent) and to follow the additional hygiene practices that have been introduced to reduce the risk of contamination and transmission of the coronavirus. However, if a child intentionally and repeatedly breaks the social/group distancing measures expected of them (according to their age and stage of development), and/or refuses to follow the hygiene practices, parents/carers and their child will be required to attend a meeting with the Headteacher (adhering to social distancing measures) and a behaviour plan agreed. If the child does not follow the requirements clearly laid out in their behaviour plan (continuing to flout the social/group distancing measures and/or refusing to follow the hygiene practices), the Headteacher reserves the right to withdraw the child from contact with their peers and staff members in the interests of the safety of other children and staff members. In line with the escalation in sanctions outlined in the behaviour policy, the Headteacher may consider an internal, fixed or permanent exclusion.

The following specific alterations have been made to the school's behaviour policy:

In the Playground and at Lunchtime

- The Year Six Buddy and Play Leader programmes are not in operation, as pupils in different classes must maintain group distancing measures.

Child Absconding from School Policy

As the pupils will not be brought to the school gate, the following statement:

Once pupils have entered the school gate in the morning they are to remain on school premises until 3.15pm, unless authorised to leave early with a parent/carer or to attend a school organised activity. is replaced with the statement: *Once pupils have joined their class line on the Green in the morning they are to remain with their class, under the supervision of the adult in charge, walk sensibly across the road and down the school drive onto the school site and remain on the school premise and with the supervising adult until they return to the Green and are dismissed at 3.15pm, unless authorised to leave early with a parent/carer or to attend an organised activity.*

This addendum forms part of the St Mary's Catholic Primary School's Behaviour Policy until further notice.

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Signed:

Date: 2/9/20

Chair of Governors: Lorna Buckwell

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