



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Behaviour Policy: Coronavirus Addendum

1. Scope

This addendum applies until further notice.

Unless covered in this addendum, our normal behaviour policy continues to apply.

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 the Headteacher 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.

Children must ensure that they:

- Follow the altered routines for arrival or departure to and from school;
- Follow school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising;
- Follow instructions on who they can socialise with at school;
- Move around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing, adhere to social distancing);
- Comply with expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands;
- Tell an adult if they are experiencing symptoms of Coronavirus;
- Follow rules about not sharing any equipment or other items including drinking bottles;
- Comply with expectations about breaks or play times, including where they may or may not play;
- Ensure they follow the school guidelines on the use of toilets;
- Know that coughing or spitting at or towards any other person is unacceptable and will have serious consequences;

- Understand that the school rewards and sanction system is still applicable where appropriate.

2.2 Rewards and sanctions for following rules

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

- Follow the school system for rewards and ensure that those children who follow these rules will receive awards as set out in the Behaviour Policy.

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

- Follow guidelines for behaviour according to the Behaviour policy and sanctions will be given accordingly;
- If pupils, however, accidentally break rules such as social distancing they will be reminded of the rules and asked to re-adjust their behaviour;
- Deliberate flouting of rules such as not respecting social distancing/coughing/spitting at an individual, with intent to cause harm or distress, may result in exclusion as a means of safeguarding others.

2.3 Changed rules

As long as this addendum applies, we will alter the following school rules.

In accordance with current Government guidelines parents will not be penalised for keeping their children at home.

If, however, parents have previously stated that their child will attend school on the days required and the child does not attend a phone call home will be made to ascertain the reason for this, as is standard practice. Reasons other than illness or family bereavement etc. may result in the loss of their place for a fixed number of days.

Children will be required to wear uniform in school and parents will be asked to wash this daily. If, however, this is not possible no sanctions will be given for those who wear non-uniform. This will also apply in circumstances where children have outgrown their uniform and parents cannot afford to replace it before the end of the school term.

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 the Headteacher or HSSW 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.

Pupils at home will be expected to:

- Complete the work set by the class teacher on a weekly basis;
- Be available to talk to their teacher during phone calls from school to home;

- Ask the teacher for help if they need this;
- Remember to use online safety rules when accessing the internet;
- Adhere to proper online conduct when communicating with others especially using appropriate language in sending messages;
- Remember that their behavior at home is still being monitored at school and parents may wish to discuss this with either the class teacher or Headteacher.

3. Expectations for staff in school

- Do not come to work if you have Coronavirus symptoms;
- Go home if these develop during school time (informing the Headteacher or person in charge), and access a test as soon as possible;
- Clean your hands more often than usual - with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitizer ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered;
- Use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach;
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes;
- Clean frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach;
- Think about ways to modify your teaching approach to keep a distance from children in your class as much as possible, particularly close face to face support (noting that it's understood that this is not possible at all times, which is why hygiene and hand cleaning is so important);
- Avoid calling pupils to the front of the class or going to their desk to check on their work if not necessary;
- Help your class to follow the rules on hand cleaning, not touching their faces, 'catch it, bin it, kill it' etc. including by updating your classrooms displays with posters;
- Prevent your class from sharing equipment and resources (like stationery);
- Keep your classroom door and windows open if possible, for air flow;
- Follow the school guidance on the number of children from your class using the toilet at any one time;
- Limit your contact with other staff members, and don't congregate in shared spaces, especially if they are small rooms. Ensure social distancing wherever and whenever possible;
- Make sure you've read and understood the school's updated Behaviour Policy/ COVID-19 Risk Assessment.