

ST PATRICK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Behaviour Policy **2020 Covid-19 Addendum**

At St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School we aim to maintain a secure, caring and stimulating environment in which children are encouraged to have respect for themselves and each other. Whilst expectations in our Behaviour Policy remain pertinent, it is necessary, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, to make some adjustments for the safety of all pupils and staff. These adjustments are set out below.

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 classroom, 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.

Movement around the school will be limited. When the children leave their classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will need to ensure they stay 2m from peers and adults. Children will follow an adult from their classroom on their designated route.

Handwashing and Hygiene

Children will be expected to follow all handwashing and hygiene routines while in school. Children will wash hands/use hand sanitizer upon entering school, before and after using the toilet, 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 at all times. Year 1 and Year 6 will each have their own table, spaced 2 metres apart. When children enter their classroom, they will be expected to go

straight to their table and nowhere else in the room. Children will put their hand up if they need an adult's support, they will not be allowed to get out of their seats. Should a child refuse to follow social distancing measures, disciplinary procedures and sanctions will be used (see below).

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

Children will be encouraged to use the toilets one at a time (this may not always be possible with Reception children). Reception and Year 1 children will be taken by an adult to the toilet. Year 6 children should be able to adhere to social distancing. The children will need to wash their hands before using the toilet. When a child has finished in the toilet they must wash their hands for 20 seconds.

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.

Children will eat their lunch at their table or in their own space. They will not get out of their seats. Children will have their own packed lunches or a school packed lunch which will be brought to them.

Rewards

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. Stickers and certificates will not be used at this time. Walking through school to show their work to the Head Teacher, or other adult, for acknowledgement and praise during this time will not be permitted.

Positive Handling & Restraint

There can be times when a pupil's behaviour requires staff physical support to ensure the pupils' own safety, the safety of other pupils and staff, or that property is not seriously damaged. This can require the use of physical interventions. At St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School we use Team Teach to do this.

In the case of a child being at risk, putting others at risk or damaging property the child's parents or carers will be called and asked to pick up their child immediately. The situation will then be reviewed by the Head Teacher and a decision of whether the onsite education offer will be withdrawn in favour of the online offer if this is deemed safer for all pupils and staff.

Where a child needs 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.

Pupils working from home.

If interacting with other pupils or staff online, students should always be kind and respectful to each other and respectful and obedient to staff, remembering at all times that that staff are not 'friends' with, or peers to, pupils.

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 and could result in a referral to the police. 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.

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