



St George and St Martin Catholic Academy



Behaviour Policy – Appendix A – COVID 19 – phased reopening of schools.

The items in this appendix override any procedures in the main behaviour policy.

At St George and St Martin Catholic Academies, we understand what an unprecedented time this is for our children to be returning to school. Our primary aim is to provide a nurturing, safe and wherever possible normal environment. However, there are new procedures and routines that our children will need to become accustomed to in order to maintain our primary priority of keeping all of our children and staff safe, by following all government guidance.

We aim to prepare and support our children in following any new procedures and routines in a nurturing and supportive way. Positive reward systems will remain in place and will be used frequently to praise and support the positive behaviour of all our pupils. However, any behaviours which are purposefully chosen that do not follow any procedures and routines that could potentially put the health and safety of others at risk will be taken very seriously. Due to this the school reserves the right to send pupils home and not allow them to attend school without the need to carry out an authorised exclusion. Whilst this is a last resort it is necessary to ensure we can maintain health and safety procedures during these unprecedented times. Parents will have no right of appeal against such an exclusion.

The new procedures and routines are as follows:

- There will be a staggered start and end of the day for all year groups. Children will enter the school from specified entrances and exits for their teaching groups.
- Children will be required to wash when they arrive at school, before and after any break times, before and after eating and before the end of the day. All children will be encouraged to following safe handwashing guidance -washing their hand for 20 seconds with soap and warm water. Younger children will be supervised to encourage and guide children. Children will be positively encouraged to use hand sanitizers whenever they pass them in the school.
- Children will only be allowed to socialise with children within their teaching bubble (of no more than 15 children). Social distancing within this bubble will need to be observed.

This will be supported in a number of ways in years 1 and 6:

- Children will be allocated a table to act as their workstation for the entirety of their time in school. Their table and chairs will be labelled with their names.
- All the resources that children will need such as a pencil, a ruler, a pair of scissors, a rubber, a glue stick and colouring equipment will be in a name

labelled tray on their desks along with their exercise books and current reading book. Resources must not be shared between children.

- Children will only be allowed to move around the class room with the teacher's/teaching assistant's permission and where it is safe to observe social distances.
- Children will use the toilet facilities again with permission and one at a time.

Within the foundation stage:

- Children will be actively encouraged to observe social distancing throughout the day.
 - There will be activity stations which will be marked out in order for children to know where they can access activities from
 - Equipment will be, where possible, limited to each child. Where this is not possible, equipment will be cleaned in between each use.
 - Where possible, children will access the toilets one at a time.
 - If children need assistance to be changed following a toileting accident, standard procedures of wearing an apron and gloves must be adhered to.
 - Outdoor provision will be timetabled and areas will be designated to specific groups of children.
- There will be a one-way system around the school which is clearly marked. All children and staff need to follow the one-way system at all times.
 - Staggered break times for all 'bubbles' will be in place ensuring that children from different bubbles do not mix.
 - There are areas outside which are 'out of bounds' such as the large outdoor equipment. These areas will be clearly taped off and are not to be used during the school day, or before or after the school day.
 - All classrooms will have a lidded bin and a supply of tissues. Children will all be encouraging to 'catch it, bin it, kill it', disposing their tissues in the lidded bin. Children will also be encouraged to avoid touching their mouth, nose and eyes with their hands.
 - If children become ill with symptoms of coronavirus they must inform an adult.
 - All children will need to bring in their own filled water bottles. If these run out during the day, they will be provided with a single use bottle of water.
 - Coughing or spitting at or towards any other person will not be tolerated.
 - Children will be positively rewarded for following these new procedures with merit stickers, head teacher's awards and other classroom rewards.
 - We do recognise that children who have specific needs, may find these procedures and routines difficult to understand or follow. A risk assessment will be carried out to establish how these pupil's needs can be best met within the safety parameters set out by the government guidance. Due to the need of this risk assessments initially some children will not be permitted to start from the first day of opening.
 - Where Teachers/Teaching assistants deem that despite positive support and encouragement a child's behaviour is putting the safety of others at risk will use the

classroom communication systems to report this to the senior leader who will decide on the most appropriate action.