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COVID-19 Addendum to the Behaviour Policy May 2020

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1. Context

From 20th March 2020 parents were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response - who **absolutely** need to attend.

Schools and all childcare providers were asked to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

This addendum sits with the St Peter & St Paul Behaviour Policy. This addendum provides further guidance which sits alongside the current policy, ensuring appropriate systems and procedures for responding to and managing behaviour throughout Coronavirus (COVID-19) period are in place. It will be under constant review and it will be updated in accordance with the swiftly changing circumstances relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The main aim of the addendum to the Behaviour Policy is to ensure that the risks of COVID-19 Virus transmission are mitigated, so as to minimise possible transmission, keeping both pupils and staff safe on site. We will ensure that we treat all our pupils with equity and understanding regarding their emotional well-being and social needs. We are fully committed to working within the Behaviour Policy. We also recognise that in order to keep both staff and pupils safe during COVID-19 whilst attending the school site, we will have to introduce additional rules and subsequent procedures and consequences in order to affect the behaviour of our pupils.

Changes to the operational delivery of education and support:

1. There will be a reduction in class sizes to support with social distancing within the school building
2. We have adapted the school environment for social distancing measures, including Covid-19 Symptoms posters and distanced student desks
3. We will be restricting movements around the school by allocating students to designated areas and rooms
4. An adapted timetable will support the ability to social distance throughout entry and exit, lunchtimes and breaks
- 5 Staggered start and end times will minimise student contact with one another
6. Limited PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) will be used when specifically required, such as first aid or intimate care needs
7. Key Worker students will be taught separately to other students to minimise transmissions risk
8. Toilet blocks will be designated to students within blocks to minimise student contact and the importance of hand washing will be reiterated
9. Students will be reminded to not share equipment and computer access will be

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very limited due to this

10. No practical contact sessions will take place, such as PE.
11. There will be no external visitors or parents allowed on site, unless approved by the Headteacher
12. Large gatherings will not occur, such as assemblies
13. There will be no school buses and parents are advised to avoid students using public transport
14. Changes have been made to cleaning and hand sanitiser stations have been introduced
15. First Aiders will use PPE where necessary. The Newman Centre will be a base for sickness/illness cases.

Expectations of parent/carers: Parents and carers must:

1. Support their child to comply with the adapted behaviour policy addendum and code of conduct
2. Not send their child to school if they display any symptoms of Coronavirus COVID19. Parents must understand that their child will be sent home if they show symptoms of Covid-19
3. Inform the school if anyone in their household is displaying symptoms and is required to isolate or is diagnosed with COVID 19. This will require parents to keep their child at home to self-isolate as per government guidance
4. Be contactable at all times during the school day and be aware that their child may be sent home if they breach the school behaviour policy in relation to social distancing and COVID19 safety measures. The school will attempt to phone parents / carers and will send a text message to advise of this. The school will determine the level of sanction
5. There may be a need to change provision to 'Remote Learning Arrangements' as are in place across the rest of the school, if students fail to comply with expectations whilst in the Academy
6. Support the school to ensure that everyone is safe in the school community, this includes, not coming into school where possible. Parents/carers should engage in meetings with staff via phone

Expectations of students: All students must:

1. Follow social distancing rules at all times – 2 metres between individuals- and no physical contact of any form
2. Follow personal hygiene requirements of washing hands regularly and using hand sanitiser
3. Follow all guidance on minimising risks of virus transmission by taking measures to prevent aerosol transmission. This includes covering of mouth if coughing or sneezing. Any deliberate act which goes against this guidance (including spitting or coughing deliberately in close proximity to someone) will be taken extremely

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seriously with consequences put in place

4. Treat others and the school environment with respect at all times
5. Respect the health and well-being of all in the school community
6. Follow the agreed rules, including no mobile phone, jewellery and uniform expectations
7. Follow instructions from staff at all times in relation to their own health and safety and as well as the safety of others
8. Behave in a safe and respectful manner at all times

Consequences:

If a pupil does not follow the adapted code of conduct, the following consequences will apply as part of a stepped approach:

Step 1: 1st incidence of non- compliance: Verbal warning with phone call home to parents

Step 2: 2nd incident of non- compliance: Pupil will be directed to leave school site. Parent/carers will be informed of decision for pupil to leave school premises for not complying with school behaviour policy and procedures.

Zero tolerance – the following behaviours will result in students immediately being required to leave the school site and receiving an exclusion. Police action may also be triggered.

- Spitting
- Deliberately coughing on someone or in close proximity to someone
- Possible wilful spreading of COVID 19 – e.g. purposely coughing on surfaces such as tables, chairs, walls, handles, doors, food, bottles, clothes, bags etc
- Refusal to social distance
- Refusal to hand wash or sanitise hands
- Walking out of lessons
- Being in a non-designated area
- Any physical contact
- Fighting, aggression or intimidation
- Any breach of the Behaviour Policy with wilful spreading of COVID 19 – e.g. purposely coughing on surfaces such as tables, chairs, walls, handles, doors, food etc

Positive Handling

During the COVID19 crises staff will be advised not to undertake positive handling including any guided safe touch. Unless absolutely necessary. Positive handling will only be carried out in a situation that presents as high risk.

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Risk Assessments

Individual pupil risk assessment plans will be updated as required or implemented if deemed necessary by the Academy.

Searches

Staff will be provided with PPE to carry out all searches of pupils when on the school site.

Mobile Phones

All students are expected to turn off phones and they remain out of sight during the school day. No phones are allowed out. If a student is observed with a phone for any reason, they will be asked to turn it off and put it away (we will not touch or collect phones in during Covid 19). If a student persistently breaches this rule, then consequences above apply.

Jewellery

All students are expected to conform to our no jewellery policy, except a watch. Students will be asked to remove jewellery. Failure to comply with this rule, will result in the consequences above being applied.

Link to government guidance regarding exclusions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion/changes-to-the-school-exclusion-process-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

