



## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*'Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus'*

### **Amendment to St Marys Catholic Primary School Behaviour Policy September 2020**

As the school opens to all pupils from September 2020 the following additions have been made to our Behaviour policy. All of the following amendments have been put in place to safeguard the children, staff and parents and indeed your safety and well-being continues to be at the heart of everything we continue to do.

#### **Expectations of Adults and children**

Social distancing of 2 metres expected on site at all times

Please follow the instructions for the morning drop off and afternoon pick-ups for your child's year group. The one-way and queuing systems have been put in place for your safety and to enable you to leave the site quickly once you have dropped off or collected your child.

It will not be possible to pick-up children from different phases at the same time so you will need to be patient and re-enter the site at the appointed time for your next child.

Please ensure only one parent drops off and picks up to ensure there are less people on site and minimise queueing.

Staff will be on hand to assist and offer direction from a social distance and are there to help facilitate a safe and stress free morning/afternoon routine. However, if you have a question please e-mail the office or telephone after drop off times so staff can focus on getting the children into school safely.

Please listen and support the staff, they are there to HELP and to keep EVERYONE safe.

Please do not drive into the school car park this is an essential social distancing area for the morning and afternoon queueing routine unless you have specific permission.

#### **Expectations of children**

- ✓ Stay in your own seat in the classroom or sit in the space you have been asked to sit in. This will be with the same children for most of the day.
- ✓ Keep a 2 metre distance (2M) from staff members as you move around the classroom/school or when lining up.
- ✓ Put up your hand if you want to speak to the teacher instead of moving from your seat.
- ✓ The teacher will then answer your question from a 2 metre distance.
- ✓ You will be required to wash your hands and use a sanitiser gel regularly throughout the day. This is compulsory.

- ✓ In the playground, as much as is reasonably possible, stay 2m apart from other children, this means **you cannot play any contact games** whatsoever such as Tag or tackle in football.
- ✓ Do not enter the toilet if there are more than 2 people in there.
- ✓ You may not mix with any children from any other Phase Bubbles at break times even if they are your brothers or sisters.
- ✓ Follow the instructions on moving around the school
- ✓ When outside, only play in the area that you have been told you are able to DO NOT try to move into another area or to meet/play with friends from another Phase bubble

#### **Infection control:**

- You MUST NOT COUGH or SPIT towards any other person. You MUST NOT BITE any other person.
- Do not share equipment- You will have your own set of pens, pencil, rubbers and ruler to use.
- Do not share water bottles or cups.
- If you sneeze or cough you must cover your mouth with your elbow or preferably use a tissue using the '*catch it, bin it, kill it approach*'. You must then put the used tissue/s in the lidded bin and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands frequently using the sanitizer provided or with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the toilet, touching door handles, touching other surfaces.
- Try not to touch your FACE, MOUTH or EYES
- Children must not share food or snacks

#### **Illness**

- If you feel ill at home you must tell your parents immediately and you **must not come** to school.
- If you feel ill at school you must tell a teacher or a member of staff immediately so your parents can be contacted.

The children's well-being and safety is our first concern and staff will do all that they possibly can to support the children's return to school. We understand how difficult this may be for many children, as school life will look different to their last memories of school. The school curriculum will recognise the children's needs in the teaching and the activities in classes across the school.

We would ask parents to help us please by re-enforcing the safety and hygiene message at home.

Children will be given reminders of these expectations throughout the day as we understand that these expectations are new and may not come naturally at first, especially to the younger children. However, we must ensure that these expectations are adhered to as much as is reasonably possible in order to keep our children and staff safe.

**Deliberate non-compliance of these expectations will be taken seriously and parents will be contacted immediately if we feel that any child is deliberately placing children or staff at increased risk.**

This amendment follows guidance as published by the Government, which can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The school's current Behaviour policy can be found on the school website.

We thank you all for your continued support in these unusual times.